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SENATE AND HOUSE REPRESENTATION BY COUNTY

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Alcona	36	106
Alger	38	109
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Alpena	36	106
Antrim	37	105
Arenac	31	97
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Gratiot	32	93
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Houghton	38	110
Huron	31	84
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Iosco	36	103
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Isabella	33	99
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Keweenaw	38	110
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Mecosta	35	102
Menominee	38	108
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Montcalm	33	70
Montmorency	36	106
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Newaygo	34	100
Oakland	12-15, 26	26, 27, 29, 35 37-41, 43-46, 66
Oceana	34	100
Ogemaw	36	103
Ontonagon	38	110
Osceola	35	102
Oscoda	36	106
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Ottawa	30	74, 89-91
Presque Isle	37	106
Roscommon	35	103
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Sanilac	31	83
Schoolcraft	38	109
Shiawassee	22	85
Tuscola	31	84
Van Buren	20, 21	80
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MICHIGAN STATE SENATE OFFICERS 2009-2010

President	John D. Cherry, Jr.
President Pro Tempore	Randy Richardville
Assistant President Pro Tempore	Alan Sanborn
Associate President Pro Tempore	James A. Barcia
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Assistant Secretary of the Senate	Vacant

SENATE MAJORITY LEADERS

Majority Leader	Michael D. Bishop
Assistant Majority Leader	Michelle A. McManus
Majority Floor Leader	Alan L. Cropsey
Assistant Majority Floor Leader	Cameron S. Brown
Majority Caucus Chairperson	Nancy Cassis
Assistant Majority Caucus Chairperson	Mark C. Jansen
Majority Whip	Jason Allen
Assistant Majority Whip	Roger Kahn, M.D.

SENATE MINORITY LEADERS

Minority Leader	Michael Prusi
Assistant Minority Leader	Tupac A. Hunter
Minority Floor Leader	Buzz Thomas
Assistant Minority Floor Leader	Glenn S. Anderson
Minority Caucus Chairperson	Gilda Z. Jacobs
Assistant Minority Caucus Chairperson	John J. Gleason
Minority Whip	Raymond E. Basham
Assistant Minority Whip	Dennis Olshove

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MICHIGAN STATE SENATORS BY DISTRICT
 21 Republicans, 16 Democrats, 1 Vacancy

Dist.	Senator	Party	Hometown
1	Hansen Clarke	Democrat	Detroit
2	Martha G. Scott	Democrat	Highland Park
3	Irma Clark-Coleman	Democrat	Detroit
4	Buzz Thomas	Democrat	Detroit
5	Tupac A. Hunter	Democrat	Detroit
6	Glenn S. Anderson	Democrat	Westland
7	Bruce Patterson	Republican	Canton
8	Raymond E. Basham	Democrat	Taylor
9	Dennis Olshove	Democrat	Warren
10	Michael Switalski	Democrat	Roseville
11	Alan Sanborn	Republican	Richmond
12	Michael D. Bishop	Republican	Rochester
13	John Pappageorge	Republican	Troy
14	Gilda Z. Jacobs	Democrat	Huntington Woods
15	Nancy Cassis	Republican	Novi
16	Cameron S. Brown	Republican	Sturgis
17	Randy Richardville	Republican	Monroe
18	Liz Brater	Democrat	Ann Arbor
19	Vacant		
20	Thomas M. George, M.D.	Republican	Kalamazoo
21	Ron Jelinek	Republican	Three Oaks
22	Valde Garcia	Republican	Howell
23	Gretchen Whitmer	Democrat	East Lansing
24	Patricia L. Birkholz	Republican	Saugatuck
25	Judson S. Gilbert II	Republican	Algonac
26	Deborah Cherry	Democrat	Burton
27	John J. Gleason	Democrat	Flushing
28	Mark C. Jansen	Republican	Grand Rapids
29	Bill Hardiman	Republican	Kentwood
30	Wayne Kuipers	Republican	Holland
31	James A. Barcia	Democrat	Bay City
32	Roger Kahn, M.D.	Republican	Saginaw
33	Alan L. Cropsey	Republican	DeWitt
34	Gerald Van Woerkom	Republican	Muskegon
35	Michelle A. McManus	Republican	Lake Leelanau
36	Tony Stamas	Republican	Midland
37	Jason Allen	Republican	Traverse City
38	Michael Prusi	Democrat	Ishpeming

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State Capitol Building
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Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Billie S. Farnum Building
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Lansing, MI 48933

Boji Tower
124 West Allegan Street
Lansing, MI 48933

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Senator Jason Allen Republican 37th District Majority Caucus Whip	526 Washington St. Traverse City, MI 49686 (231) 922-9892 Home office (231) 922-9957	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 820 (517) 373-2413 Fax: (517) 373-5144 Toll-free: (866) 525-5637 E-mail: senjallen @senate.michigan.gov		Commerce & Tourism (C) Economic Development & Regulatory Reform (M) Health Policy (VC) Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Recreation (M) Legislative Council (M) Local, Urban & State Affairs (M) Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs (C)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Glenn S. Anderson Democrat 6th District Assistant Democratic Floor Leader	34300 Parkgrove Dr. Westland, MI 48185 (734) 458-1991	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 610 (517) 373-1707 Fax: (517) 373-3935 Toll-free: (866) 262-7306 E-mail: senatoranderson @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Department of Transportation (MVC) Economic Development (M) General Government (MVC) Higher Education (M)	House: 1/1/01 - 12/31/06 Senate: 1/1/07 - Present

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Senator James A. Barcia Democrat 31st District Associate President Pro Tempore	3190 Hidden Road Bay City, MI 48706 (989) 686-0766 Home office Main: (989) 686-6880 (989) 686-0930	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 1010 (517) 373-1777 Fax: (517) 373-5871 Toll-free: (866) 305-2131 E-mail: senjbarcia @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Department of Community Health (M) Department of Human Services (M) Higher Education (MVC) State Police & Military Affairs (MVC) Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Recreation (C) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (M)	House: 1/1/77 - 12/31/82 U.S. House of Reps.: 1/1/93 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/83 - 12/31/92; 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Raymond E. Basham Democrat 8th District Democratic Caucus Whip	12406 Telegraph Road Taylor, MI 48180 (734) 946-5202	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 715 (517) 373-7800 Fax: (517) 373-9310 E-mail: senrbasham @senate.michigan.gov		Judiciary (M) Local, Urban & State Affairs (M) Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (MVC) Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs (M) Transportation (MVC)	House: 1/1/97 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Patricia L. Birkholz Republican 24th District	3413 Sixty-fourth St. Saugatuck, MI 49453 (269) 857-2757	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 805 (517) 373-3447 Fax: (517) 373-5849 Toll-free: (888) 28-PATTY E-mail: senpbirkholz @senate.michigan.gov		Agriculture & Bioeconomy (M) Energy Policy & Public Utilities (M) Local, Urban & State Affairs (VC) Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (C)	House: 1/1/97 - 12/31/02; Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Michael D. Bishop Republican 12th District Majority Leader	883 Great Oaks Blvd. Rochester, MI 48307	Capitol Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room S-106 (517) 373-2417 Fax: (517) 373-2694 Toll-free: (877) 9-BISHOP E-mail: senmbishop @senate.michigan.gov	439 Main St., Suite 250 Rochester, MI 48307-6704 Main: (248) 608-1321 (248) 608-1329 Fax: (248) 608-1384	Government Operations & Reform (C) Legislative Council (C) Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors (C)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Liz Brater Democrat 18th District	Home office Main: (734) 994-1198 (734) 769-8426	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 510 (517) 373-2406 Fax: (517) 373-5679 Toll-free: (866) 305-0318 E-mail: senlbrater @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Department of Environmental Quality (MVC) Department of Natural Resources (MVC) Higher Education (M) Judiciary & Corrections (MVC) Michigan Capitol Committee (M)	House: 1/1/94 - 12/31/00 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Cameron S. Brown Republican 16th District Assistant Majority Floor Leader	29057 E. LaFayette Sturgis, MI 49091	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 405 (517) 373-5932 Fax: (517) 373-5944 Toll-free: (866) 305-0316 E-mail: sencbrown @senate.michigan.gov	115 E. Maumee St., Suite 103 Adrian, MI 49221 Main: (517) 266-2002 (517) 265-4815	Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Agriculture (C) Capital Outlay (M) History, Arts, & Libraries (VC) K-12, School Aid, Education (VC) Campaign & Election Oversight (VC) Energy Policy & Public Utilities (VC) Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies (C) Legislative Council (Alt. M) Michigan Capitol Committee (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Nancy Cassis Republican 15th District Majority Caucus Chair	22186 Daleview Drive Novi, MI 48374 (248) 347-1631	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 905 (517) 373-1758 Fax: (517) 373-0938 Toll-free: (888) 38-NANCY E-mail: sennccassis @senate.michigan.gov		Banking & Financial Institutions (M) Education (M) Finance (C) Government Operations & Reform (M)	House: 1/1/96 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Deborah Cherry Democrat 26th District	3068 Falcon Drive Burton, MI 48519 (810) 742-1656	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 910 (517) 373-1636 Fax: (517) 373-1453 Toll-free: (866) 305-2126 E-mail: sendcherry @senate.michigan.gov Website: www.senate.michigan.gov/cherry		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (M) Department of Community Health (MVC) Federal Stimulus Oversight (M) General Government (M) Retirement (MVC) Finance (M)	House: 1/1/95 - 12/31/00 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Irma Clark-Coleman Democrat 3rd District	2688 Oakman Blvd. Detroit, MI 48238 Home office (313) 933-1927	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 310 (517) 373-0990 Fax: (517) 373-5338 Toll-free: (866) 747-7803 E-mail: seniclarck-coleman @senate.michigan.gov	Dearborn Office: 15250 Mercantile Dr. Dearborn, MI 48120 Main: (313) 271-2688 (313) 271-2687 Fax: (313) 271-2632	Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (M) Community Colleges (MVC) Federal Stimulus Oversight (M) History, Arts, & Libraries (MVC) K-12, School Aid, Education (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Hansen Clarke Democrat 1st District	1448 Woodward Ave. Detroit, MI 48226	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 710 (517) 373-7346 Fax: (517) 373-9320 Toll-free: (877) 252-7537 E-mail: senatorhansenclarke @senate.michigan.gov	555 Conner, Suite 3243 Detroit, MI 48213 (313) 579-1045	Banking & Financial Institutions (M) Commerce & Tourism (MVC) Energy Policy & Public Utilities (M) Government Operations & Reform (M) Health Policy (MVC) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (M) Judiciary (M) Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees (M)	House: 1/1/91 - 12/31/92; 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Alan L. Cropsey Republican 33rd District Majority Floor Leader	7730 Loomis Road DeWitt, MI 48820 (517) 669-3037 Home office (517) 669-9462	Capitol Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room S-8 (517) 373-3760 Fax: (517) 373-8661 Toll-free: (866) 305-2133 E-mail: senacropsey @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (M) Department of Environmental Quality (VC) Department of Transportation (VC) Judiciary & Corrections (C) State Police & Military Affairs (VC) Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Recreation (M) Judiciary (VC) Legislative Council (M)	House: 1/1/79 - 12/31/82; 1/1/93 - 12/31/98 Senate: 1/1/83 - 12/31/86 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Valde Garcia Republican 22nd District		Capitol Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room S-132 (517) 373-2420 Fax: (517) 373-2764 Toll-free: (800) 516-0026 E-mail: senvgarcia @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Community Colleges (VC) Department of Environmental Quality (C) K-12, School Aid, Education (M) State Police & Military Affairs (C) Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies (VC) Michigan Capitol Committee (M) Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs (M)	House: 1/1/98 - 4/2/01 Senate: 4/2/01 - Present

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Senator Tom M. George, M.D. Republican 20th District	8545 Old Oak Circle Kalamazoo, MI 49009	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 320 (517) 373-0793 Fax: (517) 373-5607 Toll-free: (866) 305-2120 E-mail: sentgeorge @senate.michigan.gov	157 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 170 Kalamazoo, MI 49006 Main: (269) 226-0124 Fax: (269) 226-0130	Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Department of Community Health (M) Economic Development (VC) Higher Education (VC) History, Arts, & Libraries (C) Health Policy (C) Michigan Capitol Committee (C)	House: 1/1/01 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
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Senator John J. Gleason Democrat 27th District Assistant Democratic Caucus Chair	604 Leland Street Flushing, MI 48433 (810) 659-6405 Home office Main: (810) 659-3627 (810) 659-3650	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 315 (517) 373-0142 Fax: (517) 373-3938 Toll-free: (866) 268-2914 E-mail: senjgleason @senate.michigan.gov		Agriculture & Bioeconomy (MVC) Education (M) Health Policy (M) Local, Urban & State Affairs (MVC) Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (M) Transportation (M)	House: 1/1/03 - 12/31/06 Senate: 1/1/07 - Present
Senator Bill Hardiman Republican 29th District	1814 Andrew SE Kentwood, MI 49508 (616) 485-0307 Home office (616) 455-3944	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 305 (517) 373-1801 Fax: (517) 373-5801 Toll-free: (866) 305-2129 E-mail & Website: www.senate.mi.gov/hardiman		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (M) Community Colleges (C) Department of Human Services (C) Department of Transportation (C) Higher Education (M) Families & Human Services (VC)	Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Tupac A. Hunter Democrat 5th District Assistant Democratic Leader	24461 Pembroke Ave. Detroit, MI 48219 (313) 387-0996	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 915 (517) 373-0994 Fax: (517) 373-5981 Toll-free: (866) 262-7305 E-mail: sentahunter @senate.michigan.gov		Banking & Financial Institutions (MVC) Commerce & Tourism (M) Economic Development & Regulatory Reform (M) Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies (MVC) Legislative Council (Alt. M)	House: 1/1/03 - 12/31/06 Senate: 1/1/07 - Present
Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs Democrat 14th District Democratic Caucus Chair	8353 Hendrie Blvd. Huntington Woods, MI 48070 (248) 545-4136	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 1015 (517) 373-7888 Fax: (517) 373-2983 Toll-free: (888) 937-4453 E-mail: sengjacobs @senate.michigan.gov		Campaign & Election Oversight (MVC) Economic Development & Regulatory Reform (M) Families & Human Services (MVC) Finance (MVC) Health Policy (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Mark C. Jansen Republican 28th District Assistant Majority Caucus Chair	6857 Linden Ave. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49548 Home office Main: (616) 827-8028 (616) 827-5058	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 520 (517) 373-0797 Fax: (517) 373-5236 Toll-free: (866) 305-2128 E-mail: senmjansen @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Department of Human Services (M) Economic Development (C) Federal Stimulus Oversight (M) General Government (VC) Retirement (C) Campaign & Election Oversight (M) Families & Human Services (C) Finance (M)	House: 1/1/97 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/07 - Present
Senator Ron Jelinek Republican 21st District	7605 W. Stickles Road Three Oaks, MI 49128 (269) 756-7419 Home office Main: (269) 756-3160 (269) 756-3198	Capitol Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room S-324 (517) 373-6960 Fax: (517) 373-0897 Toll-free: (866) 305-2121 E-mail: senrjelinek @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (C) Subcommittees: Agriculture (VC) Capital Outlay (VC) Department of Natural Resources (VC) Federal Stimulus Oversight (C) K-12, School Aid, Education (C) Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors (M)	House: 1/1/97 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Roger Kahn, M.D. Republican 32nd District Assistant Majority Whip	3177 Monticello Saginaw, MI 48603 (989) 497-0248	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 420 (517) 373-1760 Fax: (517) 373-3487 Toll-free: (866) 305-2132 E-mail: senrkahn @senate.michigan.gov		Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Department of Community Health (C) Department of Human Services (VC) Federal Stimulus Oversight (M) Higher Education (M) Judiciary & Corrections (VC) Retirement (VC) Transportation (VC)	House: 1/1/05 - 12/31/06 Senate 1/1/07 - Present
Senator Wayne Kuipers Republican 30th District	364 W. 31st Street Holland, MI 49423 (616) 393-7770 Home office Main: (616) 396-7935 (616) 396-7986	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 1005 (517) 373-6920 Fax: (517) 373-2751 Toll-free: (877) KUIPERS E-mail: senwkuipers @senate.michigan.gov		Education (C) Energy Policy & Public Utilities (M) Government Operations & Reform (M) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (M) Judiciary (C)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Michelle A. McManus Republican 35th District Assistant Majority Leader	7883 E. Alpers Rd. Lake Leelanau, MI 49653 Home office (231) 271-6018	Capitol Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room S-2 (517) 373-1725 Fax: (517) 373-0741 Toll-free: (866) 305-2135 E-mail: senmmcmanus @senate.michigan.gov	201 N. Mitchell St., Suite 103 Cadillac, MI 49601 Main: (231) 775-8599 (231) 775-7785	Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (C) Department of Natural Resources (C) General Government (M) Campaign & Election Oversight (C) Government Operations & Reform (VC) Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Recreation (VC) Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees (M)	House: 1/1/93 - 12/31/98 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present
Senator Dennis Olshove Democrat 9th District Assistant Democratic Caucus Whip	29828 Lane Court Warren, MI 48088 (586) 573-3061	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 920 (517) 373-8360 Fax: (517) 373-9230 E-mail: sendolshove @senate.michigan.gov	27500 Hoover Rd. Warren, MI 48093 Main: (586) 757-7180 (586) 757-7181 Fax: (586) 757-5651	Banking & Financial Institutions (M) Campaign & Election Oversight (M) Energy Policy & Public Utilities (MVC) Government Operations & Reform (M) Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies (M) Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs (MVC)	House: 1/1/91 - 12/31/98 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator John Pappageorge Republican 13th District	2133 Lakeside Drive Troy, MI 48085 (248) 813-9331	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 1020 (517) 373-2523 Fax: (517) 373-5669 Toll-free: (877) SEN-13TH E-mail: senjpappageorge @senate.michigan.gov	Main: (248) 723-0988 (248) 723-1168	Appropriations (VC) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (M) Department of Community Health (VC) Federal Stimulus Oversight (M) General Government (C) Finance (M) Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies (M) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (C) Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs (VC) Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/04 Senate: 1/1/07 - Present
Senator Bruce Patterson Republican 7th District	42479 Redfern Drive Canton, MI 48187 (734) 981-1911	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 505 (517) 373-7350 Fax: (517) 373-9228 Toll-free: (866) 262-7307 E-mail: senbpatterson @senate.michigan.gov		Energy Policy & Public Utilities (C) Health Policy (M) Judiciary (M) Legislative Council (M) Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Randy Richardville Republican 17th District President Pro Tempore		Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 205 (517) 373-3543 Fax: (517) 373-0927 Toll-free: (866) 556-7917 E-mail: senrichardville @senate.michigan.gov	(734) 241-3719	Banking & Financial Institutions (C) Economic Development & Regulatory Reform (VC) Energy Policy & Public Utilities (M) Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/04 Senate: 1/1/07 - Present

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Senator Martha G. Scott Democrat 2nd District	75 Rhode Island Highland Park, MI 48203 Home office (313) 865-6372	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 220 (517) 373-7748 Fax: (517) 373-1387 Toll-free: (800) SCOTT-78 E-mail: senmscott@senate.michigan.gov	13335 Harper Ave. Detroit, MI 48213 (313) 372-8567 Fax: (313) 372-8742	Appropriations (M) Subcommittees: Agriculture (MVC) Capital Outlay (M) Department of Human Services (MVC) Economic Development (MVC)	House: 1/1/95 - 12/31/00 Senate: 3/29/01 - Present

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Senator Michael Switalski Democrat 10th District	31412 Gay Roseville, MI 48066 (586) 294-5570 Home office (586) 294-5251	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 410 (517) 373-7315 Fax: (517) 373-3126 Toll-free: (866) 303-0110 E-mail: senmswitalski @senate.michigan.gov	13513 Gratiot, Suite B Roseville, MI 48066 (586) 294-0925 Fax: (586) 294-0985	Appropriations (MVC) Subcommittees: Capital Outlay (MVC) Department of Community Health (M) Federal Stimulus Oversight (MVC) K-12, School Aid, Education (MVC) Senate Fiscal Agency Board of Governors (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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Senator Gerald Van Woerkom Republican 34th District	4216 Harbor Point Dr. Muskegon, MI 49441	Billie S. Farnum Bldg. P.O. Box 30036 Lansing, MI 48909-7536 Room 605 (517) 373-1635 Fax: (517) 373-3300 Toll-free: (866) 305-2134 E-mail: sengvanwoerkom @senate.michigan.gov	1065 Fourth Street, Suite A Muskegon, MI 49440 Main: (231) 722-6590 (231) 725-0935 Fax: (231) 722-6964	Agriculture & Bioeconomy (C) Education (VC) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (M) Local, Urban & State Affairs (C) Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs (VC) Transportation (M)	House: 1/1/99 - 12/31/02 Senate: 1/1/03 - Present

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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES 2009-2010

(The first-named member of each committee is the Chairperson (C).)

The committee Vice Chairpersons (VC) and Minority Vice Chairpersons (MVC) are so indicated.)

Committee and Clerk	Time and Room
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Agriculture & Bioeconomy

Jordan Hankwitz, Clerk, 373-1635

Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

605 Farnum Building

Room 110, Farnum

Senators Van Woerkom (C), Gilbert (VC), Birkholz, Gleason (MVC), Whitmer

Appropriations

Connie Burgess, Clerk, 373-6960

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m.

S-324 Capitol Building

Senate Appropriations Room

Senators Jelinek (C), Pappageorge (VC), Hardiman, Kahn, Cropsey, Garcia, George, Jansen, Brown,

McManus, Stamas, Switalski (MVC), Anderson, Barcia, Brater, Cherry, Clark-Coleman, Scott

Banking & Financial Institutions

Teri Ambs, Clerk, 373-3543

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

205 Farnum Building

Room 210, Farnum

Senators Richardville (C), Sanborn (VC), Cassis, Stamas, Hunter (MVC), Clarke, Olshove

Campaign & Election Oversight

Regan Teat, Clerk, 373-1725

Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.

S-2 Capitol Building

Room 405, Capitol

Senators McManus (C), Brown (VC), Jansen, Jacobs (MVC), Olshove

Commerce & Tourism

Christopher Glass, Clerk, 373-2413

Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.

820 Farnum Building

Room 100, Farnum

Senators Allen (C), Gilbert (VC), Stamas, Clarke (MVC), Hunter

Economic Development & Regulatory Reform

Leta Howard, Clerk, 373-7670

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.

S-310 Capitol Building

Room 402/403, Capitol

Senators Sanborn (C), Richardville (VC), Allen, Gilbert, Thomas (MVC), Hunter, Jacobs

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee and Clerk	Time and Room
Education	
Paula Englin, Clerk, 373-6920 1005 Farnum Building Senators Kuipers (C), Van Woerkom (VC), Cassis, Whitmer (MVC), Gleason	Thursday, 2:30 p.m. Room 210, Farnum
Energy Policy & Public Utilities	
Scott Jones, Clerk, 373-7350 505 Farnum Building Senators Patterson (C), Brown (VC), Birkholz, Kuipers, Richardville, Olshove (MVC), Clarke, Thomas	Thursday, 1:00 p.m. Room 210, Farnum
Families & Human Services	
Amanda Comment, Clerk, 373-0797 520 Farnum Building Senators Jansen (C), Hardiman (VC), Jacobs (MVC)	Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Room 210, Farnum
Finance	
Traci Gorman, Clerk, 373-1758 905 Farnum Building Senators Cassis (C), Gilbert (VC), Pappageorge, Jansen, Jacobs (MVC), Cherry, Whitmer	Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Room 110, Farnum
Government Operations & Reform	
Trevor VanDyke, Clerk, 373-2417 S-106 Capitol Building Senators Bishop (C), McManus (VC), Cassis, Kuipers, Prusi (MVC), Clarke, Olshove	Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Room 402/403, Capitol
Health Policy	
Holly Nester, Clerk, 373-0793 320 Farnum Building Senators George (C), Allen (VC), Patterson, Sanborn, Clarke (MVC), Gleason, Jacobs	Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. Senate Hearing Room, Boji
Homeland Security & Emerging Technologies	
Kendra Everett, Clerk, 373-5932 405 Farnum Building Senators Brown (C), Garcia (VC), Richardville, Pappageorge, Hunter (MVC), Olshove, Thomas	Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. Room 100, Farnum
Hunting, Fishing & Outdoor Recreation	
Jennifer Barnes, Clerk, 373-1777 1010 Farnum Building Senators Barcia (C), McManus (VC), Cropsey, Allen, Prusi (MVC)	Thursday, 1:00 p.m. Room 100, Farnum

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Committee and Clerk	Time and Room
Judiciary Marnie Wills, Clerk, 373-6920 1005 Farnum Building Senators Kuipers (C), Cropsey (VC), Sanborn, Patterson, Stamas, Whitmer (MVC), Clarke, Basham	Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. Room 210, Farnum
Local, Urban & State Affairs Derek Bajema, Clerk, 373-1635 605 Farnum Building Senators Van Woerkom (C), Birkholz (VC), Allen, Gleason (MVC), Basham	Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. Room 110, Farnum
Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Joy Brewer, Clerk, 373-3447 805 Farnum Building Senators Birkholz (C), Van Woerkom (VC), Patterson, Basham (MVC), Gleason	Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. Room 110, Farnum
Senior Citizens & Veterans Affairs Christopher Glass, Clerk, 373-2413 820 Farnum Building Senators Allen (C), Pappageorge (VC), Garcia, Olshove (MVC), Basham	Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. Room 100, Farnum
Transportation Caroline Liethen, Clerk, 373-7708 705 Farnum Building Senators Gilbert (C), Kahn (VC), Van Woerkom, Basham (MVC), Gleason	Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. Room 110, Farnum

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES

Agriculture

Senators Brown (C), Jelinek (VC), Scott (MVC)

Fiscal Analyst: Debra Hollon, 373-2768

Capital Outlay

Senators McManus (C), Jelinek (VC), Brown, Cropsey, Hardiman, Pappageorge, Switalski (MVC), Cherry, Clark-Coleman, Scott

Fiscal Analyst: Bill Bowerman, 373-2768

Community Colleges

Senators Hardiman (C), Garcia (VC), Clark-Coleman (MVC)

Fiscal Analyst: Bill Bowerman, 373-2768

Department of Community Health

Senators Kahn (C), Pappageorge (VC), George, Stamas, Cherry (MVC), Barcia, Switalski

Fiscal Analysts: Steve Angelotti, Matthew Grabowski, 373-2768

Department of Environmental Quality

Senators Garcia (C), Cropsey (VC), Brater (MVC)

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Department of Human Services

Senators Hardiman (C), Kahn (VC), Jansen, Scott (MVC), Barcia

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Department of Natural Resources

Senators McManus (C), Jelinek (VC), Brater (MVC)

Fiscal Analyst: Bill Bowerman, 373-2768

Department of Transportation

Senators Hardiman (C), Cropsey (VC), Anderson (MVC)

Fiscal Analyst: Debra Hollon, 373-2768

Economic Development

Senators Jansen (C), George (VC), Stamas, Scott (MVC), Anderson

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Federal Stimulus Oversight

Senators Jelinek (C), Gilbert (VC), Pappageorge, Kahn, Jansen, Switalski (MVC), Cherry, Clark-Coleman.

Fiscal Analyst: Gary Olson, 373-2768

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General Government

Senators Pappageorge (C), Jansen (VC), McManus, Anderson (MVC), Cherry
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Higher Education

Senators Stamas (C), George (VC), Hardiman, Kahn, Barcia (MVC), Anderson, Brater
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History, Arts, & Libraries

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Senators Cropsey (C), Kahn (VC), Brater (MVC)
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Senators Jelinek (C), Brown (VC), Garcia, Switalski (MVC), Clark-Coleman
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Retirement

Senators Jansen (C), Kahn (VC), Cherry (MVC)
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State Police & Military Affairs

Senators Garcia (C), Cropsey (VC), Barcia (MVC)
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Senators Pappageorge (C), Van Woerkom, Kuipers, Barcia, Clarke
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Clerk: Colleen Curtis, 373-6476

Legislative Council

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Clerk: Susan Cavanagh, 373-0212

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1.101 PRESIDING OFFICER

a) The Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate and shall preside over all sessions of the Senate or, in his or her absence, the President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, or Associate President pro tempore shall preside.

b) The Lieutenant Governor may vote only when the Senators are equally divided in their vote (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 25).

c) In the absence of the President of the Senate, President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, or Associate President pro tempore, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside until the Senate shall appoint a Senator to act as presiding officer or until the President of the Senate, President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, or Associate President pro tempore shall appear. In the absence of all, or all but one Senator, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside.

1.102 AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

a) The presiding officer shall call the Senate to order at the hours provided by the Constitution, by these rules, or at the hour established by the Senate at its last meeting.

b) Unless Rule 1.205 b) is in effect, following the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary of the Senate to record the attendance. The attendance shall be taken by using the electronic voting system for one minute, except for the first session in January or if the electronic voting system is not operational, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary of the Senate to call the roll orally and record and announce the results.

1.103 THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE'S CONTROL WITHIN THE CHAMBER

The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum and shall have general control within the Chamber. During every session of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms is under the direct supervision of the presiding officer. Every question of order and procedure shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to an appeal by the Senate.

1.104 ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS

a) A President pro tempore, Assistant President pro tempore, and Associate President pro tempore shall be elected by a vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving. They shall be elected at the first session of a quadrennium. All officers elected by the Senate are to hold office until their successors are elected and qualified or until the expiration of their term, whichever occurs first.

b) Prior to the commencement of the quadrennium session, the majority party shall meet in an organizational caucus and elect a Majority Leader, Majority Floor Leader, Majority Whip, Majority Caucus Chairperson, Assistant Majority Leader, Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Assistant Majority Whip, and Assistant Majority Caucus Chairperson. At a similar organizational caucus, the minority party shall elect a Minority Leader, Minority Floor Leader, Minority Whip, Minority Caucus Chairperson, Assistant Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, Assistant Minority Whip, and Assistant Minority Caucus Chairperson.

c) All majority party Senate Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the majority party caucus. All minority party Senate Officers shall serve at the pleasure of the minority party caucus.

d) All majority and minority caucuses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act (see MCL 15.268).

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1.105 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

a) The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint all committees except when the Senate shall otherwise order. The Senate Majority Leader may appoint subcommittees of standing committees when some of the members of that subcommittee are not also members of that standing committee. Such subcommittees shall contain at least one majority member and one minority member who are members of that standing committee and shall have one more majority party member than minority party member except that the Appropriations subcommittee on the federal stimulus may have more than one more majority party member than minority party member. The Appropriations subcommittee on the federal stimulus shall expire no later than October 1, 2010.

b) The Senate Majority Leader shall make appointments of minority party members from a list submitted by the Senate Minority Leader, and shall consider the preferences, seniority, and experience of the members in making appointments. The Senate Majority Leader may accept the list submitted by the Senate Minority Leader in whole or in part. If the Senate Majority Leader rejects names on the list and their corresponding committee assignments, the Senate Minority Leader shall submit replacement nominations.

c) All appointments to standing and select committees and subcommittees appointed by the Senate Majority Leader shall be subject to the approval of the Senate given by a majority of the Senators elected and serving. All appointments to conference committees shall be effective upon appointment by the Senate Majority Leader until disapproved by the Senate given by a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

1.106 ELECTION OF A SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

A Secretary of the Senate shall be elected as an officer of the Senate. The Secretary of the Senate shall take and subscribe to the Constitutional Oath of Office for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of office. The Secretary of the Senate is responsible for the constitutional and statutory duties of this office and is also authorized to sign papers, forms, documents and contracts on behalf of the Senate.

1.107 SENATE PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Secretary of the Senate, or a member of the staff of the Secretary of the Senate, shall serve as the Senate Parliamentarian to advise the Senate on questions relating to parliamentary law and procedure.

1.108 SENATE BROADCAST

The Secretary of the Senate, with the concurrence of the Senate Majority Leader, is authorized to broadcast Senate session.

1.109 SENATE JOURNALS

a) The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a correct Journal of each day's proceedings of the Senate, supervise its publication, and make corrections from day to day as may be necessary. During the consideration and passage of appropriation bills, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to correct totals that may have been affected by amendments made to items in the bill. The corrections shall be made in the bill and the Journal.

b) The Secretary of the Senate shall have copies of the Journal distributed to the offices of the President of the Senate and Senators daily, and shall make copies available to the general public.

c) When the Senate goes into Executive Session, the proceedings of the Senate shall be kept in a separate Journal, which shall be open to inspection by Senators only, unless otherwise ordered. Such Journal shall be published after the close of the session, at the end of the regular Journals of the Senate proceedings, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

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1.110 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

a) All bills and joint resolutions to be introduced shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate to be available for introduction on the next succeeding Senate legislative day, and accompanied by 12 true copies. Once submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, all bills and joint resolutions become the property of the Senate and cannot be withdrawn. Each bill, conference report, substitute bill and joint resolution shall be approved as to form and numbering of sections by the Legislative Service Bureau prior to being submitted for introduction. Bills and joint resolutions may be submitted for introduction during the interim between sessions.

b) Each Senate bill and joint resolution when introduced and each House bill and joint resolution when first received from the House shall be read a first and second time by title.

c) Senators may move to co-sponsor a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution when it is in possession of the Senate and not in a Senate committee. The first named member is the sponsor. After final passage of a Senate bill or adoption of a Senate joint resolution, or upon final action on a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution returned from the House, the presiding officer may open the voting board to allow Senators to add their names as co-sponsors. A sponsor or co-sponsor may move to remove his or her name from a Senate bill or Senate joint resolution when it is in possession of the Senate and not in a Senate committee, provided that at least one Senator remains listed as the sponsor.

1.111 NUMBERING, LETTERING AND PRINTING OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

a) The Secretary of the Senate shall assign Senate bill numbers to all Senate bills in the order they are submitted for introduction. All joint resolutions shall be assigned letters in the order they are submitted for introduction.

b) The Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the printing or reproduction of all bills, joint resolutions, acts, or documents ordered printed or reproduced by the Senate. The heading of every bill and joint resolution ordered reproduced shall contain the number of the bill or letter of the joint resolution, name of the Senator or Senators introducing the bill or joint resolution, date of introduction, and the name of the committee to which the bill or joint resolution is referred (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

1.112 ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRINTING AND ENROLLMENT OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The Secretary of the Senate shall print in the Journal each day the number of all Senate and House bills and letters of all joint resolutions which have been printed or reproduced and distributed to the offices of the President of the Senate and Senators, and the numbers of the Senate bills which have been enrolled and presented to the Governor.

1.113 CARE AND PRESERVATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible to the Senate for the care and preservation of every bill and resolution introduced in the Senate and each bill and resolution received from the House, which responsibility shall only be relieved by a receipt from an authorized person.

1.114 ENROLLMENT OF BILLS AND PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNOR

a) After a Senate bill has passed both Houses, the Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the enrollment printing. The Secretary of the Senate shall present the enrolled bill to the Governor, obtaining a receipt, on which the exact date and time shall be shown for the bill deposited in the Executive Office.

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b) The Secretary of the Senate may be authorized by a motion to enroll a Senate bill while the Senate is not in session if that bill has passed both Houses and no action is pending. The Secretary of the Senate shall notify the Senate of such action on the next Senate legislative day.

c) When a Senate bill is approved by the Governor, the Secretary of the Senate shall obtain a receipt from the Governor's office verifying the exact date and time the bill was filed with the Secretary of State. At the end of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall deposit with the Secretary of State the official printed copy of the Senate bill as passed by both Houses and obtain a receipt.

1.115 ENROLLMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTIONS

a) After a Senate joint resolution has been adopted by both Houses, the Secretary of the Senate shall attend to the enrollment printing. The Secretary of the Senate shall certify and file the enrolled joint resolution with the Secretary of State and others as directed by the joint resolution.

b) The Secretary of the Senate may be authorized by a motion to enroll a Senate joint resolution while the Senate is not in session if that joint resolution has been adopted by both Houses and no action is pending. The Secretary of the Senate shall notify the Senate of such action on the next Senate legislative day.

c) When filing an enrolled Senate joint resolution with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate shall obtain a receipt verifying the exact date and time filed. At the end of each year, the Secretary of the Senate shall deposit with the Secretary of State the official printed copy of the Senate joint resolution as adopted by both Houses and obtain a receipt.

1.116 BILL AND RESOLUTION HISTORY

The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a record and index of all bills and resolutions received by the Senate. This record shall include the title, bill or resolution number, joint resolution letter, name of the sponsor and co-sponsor(s) introducing the bill or resolution, name of the committee to which the bill or resolution is referred, and an entry of all action, including the date, taken on the bill or resolution.

1.117 SENATE ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE BUDGETS

a) The Senate Majority Leader shall assign duties to Senate employees not specified by other rules, and shall have final approval authority for all expenses for the operation of the Senate, except as provided by law.

b) In the absence of the Senate Majority Leader, the Assistant Majority Leader shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Senate Majority Leader.

c) The Secretary of the Senate shall create a budget with the concurrence of the Senate Majority Leader, discuss it with the Senate Minority Leader and present it to the Committee on Appropriations at the beginning of each budget year. The form of the budget shall parallel, as closely as practical, the departmental budgets presented to the Committee on Appropriations.

d) The Senate financial records shall be open for public inspection. Upon a request that describes the financial record sufficiently to enable the Senate to find the financial record, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of that financial record of the Senate. Documents shall be available for inspection during normal business hours. The Secretary of the Senate shall keep a record of these requests. A copy of the Senate financial records shall be on file with the Secretary of the Senate, who shall have overall authority to administer the Senate financial records under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader. The Secretary of the Senate shall provide to each Senator access to information regarding the status of the Senator's staff account, office operations account, and committee operations account for any standing committee that he or she chairs. The Senate Majority Leader shall have access to the reports for the accounts of all Senators.

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1) The Secretary of the Senate shall serve as the Senate Information Officer to respond to requests for Senate financial records from the public and the media on behalf of a Senator or the Senate. All requests must include the first and last name, mailing address, and phone number of the requester. When the Secretary of the Senate receives a written request for a public record, the Secretary shall immediately, but not more than 5 business days after the day the request is received unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the person making the request, respond to the request by 1 of the following:

A) Grant the request.

B) Issue a written notice to the requesting person denying the request.

C) Grant the request in part and issue a written notice to the requesting person denying the request in part.

D) Under unusual circumstances, issue a notice extending for not more than 10 business days the period during which the Senate shall respond to the request. The Senate shall not issue more than 1 notice of extension for a particular request.

If the Senate fails to respond to the written request within these guidelines, there will be a fine of \$250 and all Senate copying and inspection fees shall be waived.

2) As used in this section, "financial record" means a budget, account, contract, purchase order, an expenditure authorization, voucher, check, warrant, lease, audit report, balance sheet, travel voucher, or other such summaries of financial transactions.

The following information contained in Senate financial records is exempt from disclosure under this rule:

A) Information of a personal nature contained in financial records where the public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. Such exempt information would include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) An employee's social security account number, financial institution record, electronic transfer fund number, deferred compensation, savings bonds, W-2 and W-4 forms, and any court enforced judgment.

(ii) An employee's benefit selection.

(iii) Telephone bill detail including the telephone number and name of individual called.

(iv) Unemployment compensation and workers' disability compensation records.

B) Records and information specifically described and exempted from disclosure under statute or subject to attorney-client privilege.

C) A bid or proposal by a person to enter into a contract or agreement, until the time for the public opening of bids or proposals, or if a public opening is not to be conducted, until the time for the receipt of bids or proposals has expired.

D) Commercial or financial information or trade secrets voluntarily provided to the Senate for use in developing government policy if submitted upon a promise of confidentiality by the Senate.

E) Communications, notes, and electronic data within the Senate or between the Senate and other public bodies of an advisory nature to the extent that they cover other than purely factual materials and are preliminary to the final Senate determination of policy or action.

3) The Senate may charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of a financial record. The fee shall be limited to actual mailing costs and to the actual incremental cost of duplication or publication including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt information from nonexempt information.

4) The Senate may also charge a reasonable fee for providing for the inspection of financial records. This fee may include the actual incremental cost of supervising the inspection including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt information from nonexempt information.

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The Senate may adopt any such other rules and policies as are necessary to provide for the orderly dissemination of materials to the public.

e) Each Senator shall be allotted separate budget amounts for the annual staff account and the annual office operations account, as determined by the Senate Majority Leader, to be used on a fiscal year basis. Each standing committee chairperson shall be allotted a separate budget amount for the annual committee operations account, as determined by the Senate Majority Leader. The amounts allocated to these accounts may be adjusted for all Senate offices by the Senate Majority Leader. Any unused amount in a fiscal year shall not be carried into the succeeding year. A Senator shall not exceed the annual limits for each of these accounts without approval of the Senate Majority Leader.

f) The Senate Majority Leader shall establish guidelines to allow Senators to transfer a limited amount of funds between their own staff account and their office operations account.

1.118 SECRETARY OF THE SENATE ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

a) With the approval of the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate shall appoint a staff to conduct the business of the Senate.

b) The Secretary of the Senate shall exercise supervisory care and control of the Senate Chamber, all Senate rooms, corridors, furniture, and equipment. Upon approval of the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate shall purchase all necessary furniture, carpet, equipment, postage, supplies, and services for use by the Senate.

c) The Secretary of the Senate shall install and maintain any equipment approved for use by the Senate.

d) The Secretary of the Senate shall have responsibility for the development and maintenance of a system for preserving records of the Senate and its committees. The Secretary of the Senate shall issue guidelines for the organization and preservation of these records.

e) The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for keeping the Senate seal and for affixing the Senate seal to official Senate documents, as authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. The Senate seal shall be comprised of the coat of arms of the State of Michigan encompassed by the words: "Senate - State of Michigan".

f) The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain a schedule of Senate committee rooms.

g) The Secretary of the Senate shall make and maintain an official tape of all sessions of the Senate. Copies of the official tape shall be made only upon application approved by the Senate Majority Leader. All official tapes of the Senate sessions shall be transferred to the State Archives four years following the end of each biennial session of the Senate.

h) The Secretary of the Senate shall compile and maintain a list of appointments by the Governor subject to the advice and consent power of the Senate. This list shall contain the name and function of the office, the holder of the office, the date of appointment, and the expiration date of the officeholder's term. This list shall be posted on the Senate Website.

i) The Secretary of the Senate shall compile and maintain a list of the appointments that the Senate Majority Leader or the Senate Minority Leader are authorized to make to various boards and commissions. This list shall contain the name and function of the office, the holder of the office, the date of appointment, and the expiration date of the officeholder's term. This list shall be posted on the Senate Website.

1.119 DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

a) The Sergeant at Arms shall be the chief security officer of the Senate. Under the direction of the Senate Majority Leader, the Secretary of the Senate shall supervise and direct the work of the Sergeant at Arms, Assistant Sergeants at Arms, and Pages and may commission the Sergeant at

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Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms, who meet the certification requirements of this state, as law enforcement officers with the powers provided under the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act (see MCL 4.381-4.382).

b) The Sergeant at Arms shall attend the Senate during its sessions and maintain order under the direction of the presiding officer. The Sergeant at Arms shall execute the commands of the presiding officer and of the Senate, and all processes issued by authority thereof.

c) The Sergeant at Arms shall have general charge, and maintain order, in the gallery, Chamber, and committee rooms of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms shall see that all staff and visitors are seated.

1.120 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made and carried that the Senate go into executive session, the presiding officer shall direct all persons, except Senators, the Secretary of the Senate, and personnel as authorized by the Senate, to withdraw. The vote of a majority of the Senators voting shall be required on a motion for executive session, except for executive sessions called under Rule 2.104. During an executive session, the doors shall remain closed and every Senator and officer shall keep confidential all proceedings and matters enjoined by order of the Senate (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 20).

CHAPTER I - SECTION 2 MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

1.201 OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office to Senators-elect shall be administered following the November general election up to and including the first day of regular session, or as soon thereafter as a Senator-elect may appear. The oath shall be administered by the Lieutenant Governor, a Justice of the Supreme Court, a Judge of the Court of Appeals, or the Secretary of the Senate (see Const. Art. 11, Sec.1).

1.202 CONTESTED ELECTIONS

a) A petition for a recount shall be filed not later than 48 hours following the completion of the canvass of the votes cast at an election. A copy of the petition shall be given by the contestant to the Secretary of the Senate (see MCL 168.879). Notice of receipt of the petitions shall be announced by the Secretary of the Senate and printed in the Journal.

b) Each contestant requesting a recount shall deposit with the Secretary of State, Bureau of Elections, the amount provided by law for each precinct in which he or she has requested a recount (see MCL 168.881).

c) Upon completion of a recount, the Board of State Canvassers shall forward a report of the results to the Secretary of the Senate and the report shall be announced by the Secretary of the Senate and printed in the Journal (see MCL 168.879).

d) In the case of two or more persons having equal and the highest number of votes for any office, as canvassed by the Board of State Canvassers, the Board of State Canvassers shall certify the result of the canvass to the Legislature and in joint convention the Legislature shall choose one of said persons to fill the office. When the determination of the Board of State Canvassers is contested, the Legislature in joint convention shall decide which person is elected (see MCL 168.846).

1.203 PROCEDURE FOR EXCLUSION

a) A Senator-elect shall not be given the oath of office or seated as a Senator if he or she has been convicted of subversion or has, within the preceding 20 years, been convicted of a felony involving breach of the public trust (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 7). Upon finding by a majority vote of

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the Senators elected and serving that a Senator-elect has committed an offense within the provisions of this rule, he or she shall be declared to be unqualified for membership in the Senate and his or her office declared vacant.

b) Questions arising from challenges to the elections or returns of its members shall be decided by a vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 16). In cases of contested elections or returns, notice setting forth the grounds of the contest shall be given by the contestant to the Secretary of the Senate not later than January 7 following the general election, or not later than 20 days following the special election.

c) The Senate, with concurrence of two-thirds of its members elected and serving, may expel a member. The reasons for such expulsion shall be printed in the Journal (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 16).

1.204 EXCUSED ABSENCE

The Senate may excuse any Senator from attendance for any stated period, and the excused absence shall be printed in the Journal. The Senate may revoke an excuse at any time.

1.205 SENATORS DEEMED PRESENT UNLESS EXCUSED

a) A Senator who answers an attendance roll call or who enters after an attendance roll call and reports his or her presence to the Secretary of the Senate shall be considered present thereafter unless an excused absence is granted.

b) A Senator may be recognized prior to the invocation and the attendance roll call only for the purpose of presenting a motion to adjourn. Should such a motion to adjourn prevail, there shall be no official invocation and attendance roll call for that day.

1.206 COMPENSATION FOR SENATORS

The compensation of Senators is determined by the State Officers Compensation Commission, as provided by law. Senators shall not collect from the Senator's staff account any compensation, expense allowance, or mileage reimbursement.

1.207 FACILITIES FOR SENATORS

Each Senator shall be entitled to facilities, equipment, furnishings, and expenses that are necessary to fulfill the duties of office. The location of facilities and the sufficiency of equipment, furnishings, and expenses shall be determined through guidelines issued by the Senate Majority Leader.

1.208 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Expense reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals, registration fees, and related items shall be made in accordance with an established set of regulations as determined and published by the Senate Majority Leader. The regulations shall set forth the guidelines for amounts, methods of payment, and time of payment for such items. When, in the judgment of the Senate Majority Leader, the regulations need revision, the Senate Majority Leader may make the revision upon 15-day notice to all Senators. The regulations shall include the following:

a) Out-of-state expenses of a Senator, or Senate employee, shall not be paid by the Senate unless a written request has been approved by the parties specified in the regulations and by the Senate Majority Leader, and has been filed with the Secretary of the Senate prior to departure.

b) The request shall state the purpose for making the trip, the relevance of the trip to legislative matters, and an estimate of the cost.

c) A Senator, or Senate employee, shall file a written and signed post-travel report with the Secretary of the Senate not more than 20 calendar days after returning. These reports shall be retained by the Secretary of the Senate until no longer required by law. If a report is not filed within 20 calendar days after returning, expenses may not be reimbursed by the Senate. Senate funds

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received in advance of departure shall be returned in full if the report is not filed within 20 calendar days after returning. The report shall include a summary of the relevant legislative information, material pertinent thereto, and itemized expenditures.

d) An expenditure for travel by a Senator, or Senate employee, shall not be paid by the Senate unless that expenditure is itemized and receipted (except in cases in which receipts are not ordinarily provided).

e) Expenses for out-of-state travel by Senators shall be printed in the Journal on a quarterly basis.

f) A Senator, or an employee of a Senator, shall not incur out-of-state travel expenses after the Senator is defeated in a Senate primary or general election, or upon the failure of the Senator to file for election while serving the balance of his or her unexpired term, unless approved by the Senate Majority Leader.

1.209 MAILING

a) The mailing or printing at Senate expense of any personal or campaign material is prohibited.

b) A Senator, or committee of the Senate, shall not use state funds to mail 1,000 or more pieces of substantially similar material 30 days or less before a primary or general election, in which the Senator is a candidate. This rule does not apply if the mailing is a summary of a ballot proposal and is approved by the Senate Majority Leader.

c) The Senate shall not make payment for a mass mailing sent outside the district of the Senator making the mailing. In determining whether a violation of this rule has occurred, recognition shall be given to established mass mailing techniques.

d) The Senate Majority Leader shall develop and disseminate guidelines for printing and mass mailing.

e) The cost of pieces mailed by a Senator which were paid for by Senate funds shall be tabulated and recorded by the Secretary of the Senate.

CHAPTER I - SECTION 3 LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT AND ETHICS

1.301 LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT

Each Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify the confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

1.302 ATTENDANCE AND VOTING

Every Senator is expected to vote on each roll call vote, unless absent or prohibited from voting by Rule 1.306. A Senator who misses a roll call vote may request that a vote intention be printed in the Senate Journal reflecting how he or she would have voted.

1.303 IMPROPER INFLUENCE

A Senator shall not accept anything that will influence his or her official act, decision, or vote.

1.304 CONFLICTING EMPLOYMENT

A Senator shall not allow any personal employment to impair his or her independence of judgment in the exercise of his or her official duties.

1.305 UNDUE INFLUENCE

A Senator shall not use his or her influence in any matter that involves substantial conflict between his or her personal interest and his or her duties in the public interest.

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1.306 DISCLOSURE AND DISQUALIFICATION

A Senator having a personal, private, or professional interest in a bill, of which he or she has knowledge, shall not vote on the bill and shall disclose in writing his or her interest in the bill. A personal, private, or professional interest in a bill is an interest that would provide a benefit particular to a Senator or a benefit particular to any individual or entity to whom the Senator is financially or legally obligated or is personally related. The disclosure shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate to be printed in the Journal immediately following the record of the vote on the bill. If a Senator votes on a bill that might appear at the time of the vote to provide a benefit particular to that Senator or a benefit particular to any individual or entity to whom the Senator is financially or legally obligated or is personally related, a Senator may submit a statement explaining his or her reasons for voting. The statement shall be printed in the Journal.

1.307 SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment of Senators and Senate employees is prohibited and will not be tolerated by the Senate. The Senate Majority Leader shall establish a Senate Majority Leader policy to implement this prohibition.

1.308 SENATE EMPLOYEES AND CONFLICTS

Senate employees shall be accountable to the intent of Chapter I - Section 3 where applicable.

1.309 IMPROPER USE OF STAFF AND FACILITIES

a) A Senator shall not convert for personal, business and/or campaign use, unrelated to Senate business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

b) Personal business and incidental campaign calls, when charged to the state, are clearly contrary to the proper use of these facilities.

c) Personal and business calls must be charged to the caller's residence telephone, personal credit card, special billing number or made from a cellular telephone or pay station. Individuals making unreimbursed personal calls from state facilities shall be subject to appropriate sanctions.

d) In situations where it is not possible to utilize any of the methods outlined above to make a personal call, or when other incidental expenses are incurred, the Senate's operating procedure shall allow reimbursement to the State of Michigan for such calls and expenses.

1.310 ADVISORY OPINIONS

All questions relating to the interpretation and enforcement of these rules concerning legislative conduct and ethics shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform. A Senator who has a question regarding legislative conduct and ethics may submit a factual situation to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform with a request for an advisory opinion establishing the standard of public duty. The Committee shall respond to each inquiry. All opinions shall, after hearing, be numbered, dated, and printed in the Journal. No opinion shall identify the requesting Senator without his or her consent.

1.311 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION

If a Senator is alleged to have violated the provisions of the rules regulating ethics and conduct, the Committee on Government Operations and Reform shall determine if the facts underlying the allegation are sufficient to merit a hearing. If a hearing is held, the Senator charged with a violation shall be given notice and granted the opportunity to appear at the hearing and be represented by counsel. The determination and any disciplinary action shall be made and taken only by a two-thirds

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vote of the Senators elected and serving on recommendation of the Committee on Government Operations and Reform. A Senator determined to have violated the provisions of the rules regulating ethics and conduct may be reprimanded, censured, or expelled. Any actions undertaken under this section shall be separate from any prosecutions or penalties otherwise provided by law.

CHAPTER I - SECTION 4

SENATE EMPLOYEES

1.401 EMPLOYEES OF EACH SENATOR

a) All Senators may appoint necessary staff in accordance with Senate rules and subject to policies established by the Senate Majority Leader. These employees shall be directly responsible to the Senator. A Senator shall not appoint any employee who is related within the first degree of consanguinity or direct affinity to any Senator elected or serving. A Senator shall not appoint any employee who is related within the second or third degree of consanguinity or direct affinity to any Senator elected or serving without permission of the Senate Majority Leader.

b) A person shall not begin employment nor receive any compensation until a Senator has provided the Secretary of the Senate with the necessary information about the employee.

c) A Senate employee shall not convert for personal, business and/or campaign use, unrelated to Senate business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

d) Personal business and incidental campaign calls, when charged to the state, are clearly contrary to the proper use of these facilities.

e) Personal and business calls must be charged to the caller's residence telephone, personal credit card, special billing number or made from a cellular telephone or pay station. Individuals making unreimbursed personal calls from state facilities shall be subject to appropriate sanctions.

f) In situations where it is not possible to utilize any of the methods outlined above to make a personal call, or when other incidental expenses are incurred, the Senate's operating procedure shall allow reimbursement to the State of Michigan for such calls and expenses.

1.402 COMMITTEE CLERKS

Each standing committee chairperson shall appoint one person to serve as committee clerk, as authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. The person designated as committee clerk must perform all duties established by the State Constitution and Senate rules and must attend committee clerk training sessions provided by the Secretary of the Senate.

1.403 EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint employees as may be necessary for the work of the Senate. The Senate Majority Leader shall appoint minority staff employees from a list submitted by the Senate Minority Leader.

1.404 EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

a) Compensation for Senate employees shall be established by each Senator within the limits of the budget guidelines in accordance with Senate rules and subject to policies issued by the Senate Majority Leader.

b) The Senate shall not provide more than three fringe benefit packages for the staff of each minority Senator or more than five fringe benefit packages for the staff, including committee staff, of each majority Senator unless otherwise determined by the Senate Majority Leader.

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1.405 EMPLOYEES AS CANDIDATES

Any Senate employee who files a nominating petition or pays a fee for ballot access or files an affidavit of candidacy for a full-time elective office shall be placed on an unpaid leave of absence.

1.406 TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

The Senate Majority Leader shall have the right to terminate the services of any employee and the pay of the employee shall stop on the day of dismissal. This rule shall not apply to any employee elected by the Senate or those employees specifically provided for by other Senate rules.

CHAPTER II - SECTION 1 COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

2.101 AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Permanent standing committees, when created by rule of the Senate, shall exist and function both during and between sessions (see MCL 4.221).

2.102 POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMITTEES

a) Any Senator, while acting as a member of a committee, shall have authority to administer oaths to such persons as shall be examined before the committee of which he or she is a member (see MCL 4.85).

b) Any committee may, by resolution of the Senate, be authorized to administer oaths, subpoena witnesses, and examine the books and records of any persons, partnerships, or corporations involved in a matter properly before any committee (see MCL 4.101).

c) Any witness, or attorney representing a witness, may be punished for contempt by the Legislature (see MCL 4.82 and 4.101), under either of the following circumstances:

1) During a committee investigation and pursuant to a committee subpoena, he or she:

a) Refuses to be sworn or testify, or

b) Fails on demand to produce any papers, books, or documents in regards to any matter under investigation, or

c) Otherwise neglects or refuses to obey the committee subpoena.

2) He or she is guilty of deliberately interfering with the duties and powers of the Legislature while in attendance at a committee hearing.

d) Contempt of the Legislature shall be punishable as provided by law (see MCL 4.82 and 4.83).

2.103 STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the Senate shall be:

Agriculture and Bioeconomy (5 members)

Appropriations (18 members)

Banking and Financial Institutions (7 members)

Campaign and Election Oversight (5 members)

Commerce and Tourism (5 members)

Economic Development and Regulatory Reform (7 members)

Education (5 members)

Energy Policy and Public Utilities (8 members)

Families and Human Services (3 members)

Finance (7 members)

Government Operations and Reform (7 members)

Health Policy (7 members)

Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies (7 members)

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Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation (5 members)
Judiciary (8 members)
Local, Urban and State Affairs (5 members)
Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (5 members)
Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs (5 members)
Transportation (5 members)
Statutory standing committees:
Administrative Rules (5 members) (see MCL 24.235)
Legislative Council (6 members and 3 alternates) (see MCL 4.1103)
Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees (2 members) (see MCL 38.1026)
Michigan Capitol Committee (4 members) (see MCL 4.1701)

2.104 COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND REFORM

a) All appointments to office submitted by the Governor, and any other executive business, shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform. No appointment shall be voted upon until it has been printed in the Journal.

1) Any appointment not disapproved within 60 session days after receipt shall stand confirmed (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 6).

2) On all appointments to office reported favorably, the question shall be on advising and consenting to the appointment. On all appointments reported unfavorably or without recommendation, the question shall be on the disapproval of the appointment.

3) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving by record roll call vote shall be required to approve or disapprove any appointment to office submitted by the Governor. Any appointments considered by the Senate shall be in open session, unless a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall vote in favor of an executive session (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 19).

b) If an appointment is made at a time when the 60 days would lapse during an extended recess of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader may schedule a session of the Senate for the sole purpose of carrying out the Senate's constitutional duties to advise and consent on gubernatorial appointments. The Senate Majority Leader shall notify the Secretary of the Senate at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of the scheduled session. The Secretary of the Senate shall take all reasonable steps to notify the members of the Senate of the scheduled session.

c) Effective upon written notification to the Secretary of the Senate, the chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations and Reform may request a Senate standing committee to hold hearings and make written recommendations to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform on a gubernatorial appointment or an executive order. The Senate standing committee shall adopt by committee vote a recommendation to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

d) Executive orders issued by the Governor, except those dealing with matters of appropriations or expenditure reductions, shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform. Any executive order dealing with matters of executive reorganization may be disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each House within 60 calendar days after receipt at a regular session, or a full regular session if of shorter duration. Unless disapproved within that time, the executive order shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the Governor (see Const. Art. 5, Sec. 2).

e) Executive orders dealing with matters of appropriations or expenditure reductions shall be referred to the Committee on Appropriations (see MCL 18.1391).

f) The Committee on Government Operations and Reform shall receive for review all reports presented by the legislative auditor general.

g) Effective upon written notification to the Secretary of the Senate, the chairperson of the Committee on Government Operations and Reform may request a Senate standing committee to

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hold hearings and make written recommendations to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform on an auditor general report. The Senate standing committee shall adopt by a committee vote a recommendation to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

2.105 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS

a) The first named member of any committee shall be the chairperson, the second named member shall be the majority vice chairperson, and the remaining members of the committee shall rank in the order in which they are named. The first named member of the minority party shall be the minority vice chairperson except when the chairperson is from the minority party, in which case, the second named minority party member shall be the minority vice chairperson. In the temporary absence of the chairperson and majority vice chairperson, the highest ranking member in attendance shall act as chairperson. When all members of a subcommittee are also members of the standing committee, the committee chairperson shall appoint the subcommittee members.

b) In the apparent prolonged absence of a member of a committee, the Senate Majority Leader shall fill the vacancy by appointing a committee member who shall serve until the absent Senator returns. A temporary committee member shall not be appointed chairperson of the committee by the Senate Majority Leader.

2.106 CALLING OF A COMMITTEE

It shall be the duty of any committee to meet at the call of the chairperson, or on the written request of a majority of the members of the committee. The call or request must contain the date, time, and place of the meeting. No committee of any status shall sit during a session of the Senate, except during recess, unless leave is granted by the Senate. No committee shall use the Senate Chamber for a public hearing during any regular or special session of the Legislature.

2.107 NOTICE OF MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

a) A committee may hold a meeting or public hearing on any bill or resolution referred to the committee and on any issue relevant to the subject matter of the committee. Notice of the meeting or hearing, its subject, date, time, and place, shall be given in writing to the Secretary of the Senate who shall print it in the Journal and on the Senate calendar and post it where appropriate (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 17). Oral notice of the meeting or public hearing may be given to the Senate during a session by the chairperson, or a member, of the committee holding the meeting or public hearing.

b) Notice of all committee meetings and public hearings shall comply with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (see MCL 15.261-275).

2.108 COMMITTEE STAFFING

In addition to the allocation for staff as provided in Rule 1.117(e), the committee chairperson may appoint additional committee personnel as authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. The Senate Majority Leader may authorize joint utilization of personnel with the House of Representatives and may authorize the Senate to share in the cost.

2.109 COMMITTEE EXPENSES

No committee may receive reimbursement for expenses unless authorized by the Senate Majority Leader. A report of committee expenses, prepared by the chairperson and the Secretary of the Senate from the documents on file in the Secretary of the Senate's office and approved by the chairperson, shall be filed quarterly with the Secretary of the Senate. The report shall include the date, payee, amount, and purpose of the expenditure. The Secretary of the Senate shall print in the Journal that the expense report is on file and open for public inspection.

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CHAPTER II - SECTION 2 COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

2.201 COMMITTEE QUORUM

A quorum of a committee is a majority of the committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of the committee members serving is required to adopt an amendment or substitute to a bill or resolution and to report any matter to the Senate. A member must be present at the time a roll call is taken for his or her vote to count toward the required majority concurrence.

2.202 COMMITTEE RECORDS

a) Each committee chairperson shall keep a record of its proceedings, including the date and time of each meeting, the committee members present and absent, and all action on bills and resolutions in the committee with the names and votes of members (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 17). A member of the committee wishing to explain his or her vote may file a written explanation with the clerk of the committee within two legislative days after the vote is taken, which explanation shall be attached to the minutes. All minutes shall be available for public inspection during reasonable business hours. The committee record of its proceedings shall be transmitted biennially to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the final adjournment of the Legislature. The Secretary of the Senate shall be responsible for the storage of the committee minutes and records of its proceedings, which shall be available for public inspection upon request.

b) The chairperson of each committee shall keep the committee files, recordings, tapes, records, memoranda, or written documents in storage cabinets which are separate from his or her legislative records. The chairperson shall provide the Secretary of the Senate with the identification numbers of the storage cabinets containing the committee records. The Secretary of the Senate shall tag the designated storage cabinets and maintain a record of this information.

2.203 COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) All committees shall file a report of their activities following each meeting. All reports shall be submitted on a form prescribed and furnished by the Secretary of the Senate. The reports shall include the date, time, and place of the committee meeting, the members in attendance, the vote of each committee member on any bill, resolution, or other business, and the committee's recommendation on immediate effect for any bill and shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate. The committee recommendation for immediate effect shall be considered on House bills at the time of Senate passage and on Senate bills upon their return from the House unless the Senate has previously given the bill immediate effect. All committees shall submit an attendance report to the Secretary of the Senate within two Senate legislative days of the committee meeting. The Secretary of the Senate shall cause all committee reports and attendance reports to be printed in the Journal.

b) Except for a committee report recommending a substitute, any bill, resolution, or other business reported out of any committee shall be filed with the Secretary of the Senate as soon as possible and not later than 4:00 p.m. on the next calendar day (excluding weekends and holidays). A committee report recommending a substitute shall be filed not later than 4:00 p.m. on the second calendar day (excluding weekends and holidays). The Secretary of the Senate shall have the authority to retrieve any report not filed by these deadlines.

c) If a bill, joint resolution or other business is reported back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be referred to a second committee, the reported bill, joint resolution or other business, and any amendments, shall be referred to that committee in accordance with Rule 3.106.

d) All business not reported by a committee shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate at the conclusion of each biennium.

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2.204 ITEMS REPORTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

All items reported without recommendation, with or without amendments, by any committee shall lie on the table unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. To take from the table any item placed on the table in this manner shall require the vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

2.205 MANUAL OF COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

The rules of parliamentary law and practice in the most recent edition of Mason's "Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall govern committee procedure in all cases except when they are inconsistent with the standing rules and published precedents of the Senate and its committees.

2.206 COMMITTEE TELEVISIONING AND CONDUCT

a) Senate committee meetings may be taped or televised live through the equipment operated by the Secretary of the Senate staff.

b) No person shall engage in any conduct during a Senate committee meeting which undermines the decorum of the meeting. All individual electronic devices during a committee meeting shall be turned off or left on non-audible alert. Failure to follow a warning issued by the chairperson may result in the device(s) being confiscated upon direction of the committee chairperson for the remainder of the meeting.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 1 ORDER OF BUSINESS

3.101 TIME OF SESSION

The Senate shall convene at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

3.102 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business of the Senate shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledge of Allegiance and, on the first day of session each year, the last session day before sine die and at the session day of the State of the State address, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Michigan
4. Roll Call
5. Motions and Communications
6. Messages from the Governor
7. Messages from the House
8. Conference Reports
9. Third Reading of Bills
10. General Orders
11. Resolutions
12. Introduction and Referral of Bills
13. Statements
14. Adjournment

3.103 CHANGE OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Senate may change, bypass, or return to any order of business at any time by the consent of a majority of those voting.

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3.104 QUORUM OF THE SENATE

- a) A majority of Senators elected and serving shall constitute a quorum (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 14).
- b) Routine business on which no vote of the Senate is required may be disposed of on any day, with or without a quorum present, and proper entries shall be printed in the Journal.
- c) In the absence of a quorum, a motion is in order to order a Call of the Senate, recess or adjourn.

3.105 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE SENATE

The Secretary of the Senate shall compile official communications received by the Senate and shall make them available to all Senators. The presiding officer shall refer all communications which are informational only, to the Secretary of the Senate in one order for their printing in the Journal.

3.106 COMMITTEE REPORTS ON THE CALENDAR

- a) All committee reports in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate shall be placed on the Senate calendar under the heading of Committee Reports. The Senate calendar shall be closed for printing at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If a Senate committee is scheduled to meet on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the Senate calendar for a Tuesday session shall be closed for printing at 9:30 a.m. on Monday. If there is a Friday session, the calendar shall be closed at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. If Monday is a state holiday, the Senate calendar for Tuesday shall be closed for printing on Friday at 12:00 noon.
- b) A Senator may object to a committee report on the basis of its sufficiency or proper authorization. The presiding officer shall place the objection before the Senate for its decision.
- c) All committee reports shall be laid over one day. After one session day a committee report shall be considered accepted and the item shall be referred as appropriate.

3.107 RESOLUTION CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) The Senate Majority Floor Leader and the Senate Minority Floor Leader or members who are their designees shall jointly compile a list to be known as the resolution consent calendar. It shall consist of Senate resolutions, Senate concurrent resolutions, and House concurrent resolutions which do not require committee referral and consideration, and the adoption of which may be accomplished by a majority of those voting. Resolutions which are subject to the voting requirements of Senate Rule 3.501, or governed by a voting requirement in statute shall not be placed on the resolution consent calendar.
- b) Resolutions on the consent calendar shall be disposed of in a single vote. Before stating the question of adoption of the consent calendar, the presiding officer shall ask if there are objections. The objection of any Senator to the placement of one or more items on the resolution consent calendar shall result in the removal of the stated item or items from that calendar.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 2 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

3.201 FIVE DAYS' POSSESSION

No bill shall be passed or become law at any regular session of the Legislature until it has been printed or reproduced and in possession of the Senate for at least five days (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

3.202 BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

All bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions returned by the House with amendments shall be laid over one day. Consideration of bills and joint resolutions shall be resumed the following

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day under the same order of business. Consideration of resolutions shall be resumed the following day under the order of Resolutions.

3.203 REFERRAL OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

a) The Senate Majority Leader shall refer all bills and joint resolutions to a standing committee no later than one Senate legislative day after being submitted to the Secretary of the Senate. The presiding officer shall announce the reference of all bills and joint resolutions.

b) A bill introduced pursuant to the timely filing of a notice of objection by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules to a proposed administrative rule shall be read twice and placed on the Senate calendar under the order of business of General Orders (see MCL 24.245a(3)).

c) The Senate Majority Leader may change the original referral of a bill or resolution by oral notice to the Senate or written communication submitted to the Secretary of the Senate before the end of session on the next Senate legislative day following the day of the original referral. Notices of the written communication shall be announced by the Secretary of the Senate during session and both oral and written notifications shall be printed in the Journal.

d) It shall be in order at any time before the final passage of any bill or the adoption of any resolution to move its commitment or recommitment.

e) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required to discharge a committee from further consideration of any item referred to that committee.

3.204 RESOLUTIONS

a) All resolutions shall be accompanied by nine true copies. Resolutions which are not subject to provisions in other Senate rules shall be read once by title to the Senate, and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform. Once submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, resolutions become the property of the Senate and shall remain in the possession of the Secretary of the Senate. Concurrent resolutions shall be transmitted to the House on adoption.

b) Once a resolution is submitted to the Secretary of the Senate, any Senator and the President of the Senate wishing to co-sponsor it shall complete a form provided by the Secretary of the Senate. A member must be present and specifically request to be named as a co-sponsor of a resolution. After adoption of a Senate resolution, the presiding officer may open the voting board to allow Senators to add their names as co-sponsors.

c) After a Senate concurrent resolution has been adopted by both Houses and is returned to the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to order the printing of the concurrent resolution unless amended by the House or otherwise directed by the Senate.

3.205 PRINTING

All bills and joint resolutions shall be printed or reproduced after introduction unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. No bill or joint resolution shall be reported from a standing committee until it has been printed or reproduced.

3.206 THE BILL TITLE

The title of a bill shall include:

a) The object of the bill, and

b) A reference to the section(s), act, and compilation numbers when amending any act which has been compiled.

3.207 THREE SEPARATE READINGS

Every bill and joint resolution shall receive three separate readings prior to its being passed or adopted. The presiding officer shall announce whether it is the first, second, or third reading. The first and second readings may be by title only. The third reading of a bill or joint resolution shall be

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in full unless otherwise ordered unanimously by the Senate. The third reading of a bill or joint resolution shall be on a day subsequent to that on which it is read a second time or is reported by the Committee of the Whole (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).

3.208 INITIATIVE PETITIONS

a) Initiative petitions received by the Secretary of the Senate from the Secretary of State shall be stamped with the date and time measured in hours and minutes. The Secretary of the Senate shall deliver the initiative petition to the Senate Majority Leader to be available for referral to committee on the next Senate legislative day (see Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9).

b) Each initiative petition, when introduced, shall be read a first and second time by title and referred to committee. When reported out of committee, each initiative petition shall be placed on the order of Third Reading of Bills.

c) Any law proposed by initiative petition shall be either enacted or rejected by the Legislature without change or amendment within 40 days from the time such petition is received in the office of the Secretary of the Senate (see Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9).

d) If the Senate rejects an initiative petition, the Senate may propose a different measure on the same subject by a ye and nay vote on separate roll calls. If the different measure is passed by both Houses of the Legislature, both measures shall be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection at the next general election (see Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9).

CHAPTER III - SECTION 3 MOTIONS

3.301 RECOGNITION

The presiding officer shall recognize Senators to speak in the order in which they press their "request to speak" button, except when a Senator seeks recognition to introduce guests or to raise a point of order. A Senator, when recognized, shall address the presiding officer, standing at the microphone nearest to his or her desk.

3.302 PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

The following motions shall take precedence in the order listed:

1. To fix the time to which to adjourn
2. To adjourn
3. To take a recess
4. To lay on the table
5. For the previous question
6. To postpone to a day certain
7. To commit
8. To amend
9. To postpone indefinitely

3.303 MOTION IN WRITING

No motion shall be debated until stated by the presiding officer or Chair. Any motion shall be reduced to writing on demand of the presiding officer, Chair or any Senator. The written motion shall be presented to the Secretary of the Senate and read before it is debated.

3.304 MOTION WITHDRAWAL

Any motion may be withdrawn by the maker of the motion before it is amended or adopted.

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3.305 NONDEBATABLE MOTIONS

a) The motions to adjourn, to recess, to reconsider, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to suspend the rules, and all questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

b) A nondebatable motion is not in order if the Senator, making the motion, speaks immediately before offering the motion.

3.306 CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING A RECESS

When a recess is taken during the pendency of any question, the consideration of the question shall be resumed on the reassembling of the Senate.

3.307 MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE

A motion to lay on the table shall carry with it all pending subsidiary questions except in case of laying an appeal or a motion to reconsider on the table. A motion taken from the table shall be divested of all subsidiary motions except motions to amend. The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required for a motion to remove any item from the table. Items laid on the table must first be removed from the table before they are eligible for further consideration by the Senate.

3.308 MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

a) Any Senator may move the previous question. The previous question shall be ordered by a majority of the Senators voting. The motion for the previous question may be limited by the mover to one or more of the questions preceding the main question. The effect of ordering the previous question shall be to close debate instantly, bringing the Senate to an immediate vote on the pending question or questions in their regular order. If the previous question is ordered on the third reading of a bill or joint resolution, only amendments to the bill or joint resolution that have been filed with the Secretary of the Senate prior to the motion calling for the previous question shall be considered, but the amendments shall not be debated. The yeas and nays may be demanded on any vote taken while the previous question is in effect.

b) A motion to reconsider is in order under operation of the previous question before voting is completed on all pending items affected by the previous question.

c) A motion for a Call of the Senate shall not be in order after the previous question has been ordered. No Senator shall dissent orally by making a statement of protest while the previous question is in effect. The previous question having been ordered, any question of order or appeal from the decision of the presiding officer shall be decided without debate.

3.309 MOTION TO DIVIDE

Any Senator may call for a division of the question. If supported by a majority of the Senators voting, the question shall be divided providing it contains propositions sufficiently distinct in substance that, if one is taken away, a substantive proposition remains for the decision of the Senate.

3.310 MOTION TO STRIKE OUT AND INSERT

A motion to amend by striking out and inserting other words shall be indivisible. However, the words proposed to be struck out or inserted may be amended.

3.311 MOTION TO RECONSIDER

a) No motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order unless:

- 1) The subject matter on which the vote was taken is in the possession of the Senate, and
- 2) It is made on the same day the vote is taken or within the next two Senate legislative days.

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b) The same question shall not be reconsidered more than once.

c) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required to reconsider the vote by which any bill or joint resolution was passed or adopted or the vote by which an amendment or substitute (but not an amendment to an amendment or a substitute) was adopted on Third Reading by the Senate.

d) A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table. The tabling of a motion to reconsider the vote by which any bill or joint resolution failed to pass or be adopted by the Senate shall require the vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving and shall postpone indefinitely the consideration of the bill or joint resolution.

e) Tabling of a motion to reconsider shall not carry with it the original question but shall be a refusal to reconsider. It shall not be in order to take from the table a motion to reconsider, nor shall the vote whereby any motion to reconsider was laid on the table be reconsidered.

3.312 INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT

To postpone indefinitely further consideration of any bill, resolution, or other matter shall require the vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving, and the vote on such a motion shall not be reconsidered.

3.313 MOTION FOR CALL OF THE SENATE

A Call of the Senate shall be ordered by a majority of the Senators elected and serving. After a Call of the Senate is ordered, the doors shall be closed and the Senators shall not be permitted to leave the Senate floor without permission of the Senate. The roll of the Senate shall be taken by the Secretary of the Senate and the absentees noted. The Sergeant at Arms, or persons duly empowered by a majority of the Senators voting, may be dispatched and may arrest any or all of the Senators absent without leave.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 4 AMENDMENTS

3.401 TWO READINGS BEFORE AMENDMENT

No bill or joint resolution shall be amended until it has been read twice.

3.402 AMENDMENTS ON THIRD READING

a) The vote of a majority of the Senators elected and serving shall be required to adopt any amendment on Third Reading.

b) If a series of amendments is offered to a bill or joint resolution and it becomes obvious the amendments are being used as a basis of obstruction, a motion may be made that the amendments be declared obstructive and the motion shall not be debatable. If the motion prevails, the amendments shall be read en bloc and a single vote shall be taken immediately on all of the amendments. In this case, no division of the question shall be allowed.

3.403 PRINTING OF AMENDMENTS IN THE JOURNAL

a) No bill or joint resolution which has been reported with amendment or amendments by any committee shall be considered in Committee of the Whole until the amendment or amendments have been printed in the Journal. No bill or joint resolution amended in Committee of the Whole shall be considered on Third Reading of Bills until all amendments made in Committee of the Whole have been printed in the Journal.

b) All amendments shall be submitted in writing and with seven (7) copies and all substitutes shall be submitted with ten (10) copies.

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CHAPTER III - SECTION 5 VOTING PROCEDURE

3.501 ACTIONS REQUIRING AN EXTRAORDINARY MAJORITY

Action by the Senate on the following matters shall require a vote of two-thirds of the Senators elected and serving except as otherwise noted:

- a) Amendment or Repeal of Initiated Law, three-fourths of the Senators elected and serving (Const. Art. 2, Sec. 9)
- b) Expulsion of Member (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 16)
- c) Immediate Effect (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 27)
- d) Local or Special Act (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 29)
- e) Private or Local Purpose Appropriation (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 30)
- f) Overriding Veto (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 33)
- g) Bank and Trust Company Law (Const. Art. 4, Sec. 43)
- h) Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (Const. Art. 6, Sec. 1)
- i) Removal of Judge (Const. Art. 6, Sec. 25)
- j) State Borrowing (Const. Art. 9, Sec. 15)
- k) State Land Reserve Designation (Const. Art. 10, Sec. 5)
- l) Rejection or Reduction of Civil Service Pay Increases (Const. Art. 11, Sec. 5)
- m) Amendments to Michigan Constitution (Const. Art. 12, Sec. 1)
- n) Mackinac Bridge Bonds Refunding (Const. Schedule, Sec. 14)
- o) Amendments to increase the February 1, 1994 statutory limits on the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied for school district operating purposes, three-fourths of the Senators elected and serving (Const. Art. 9, Sec. 3)

3.502 MAJORITY VOTE ON QUESTIONS SHORT OF THE FINAL QUESTION

When a bill or joint resolution requires, pursuant to the Constitution, the concurrence of more than a majority of the Senators elected and serving, the concurrence of such majority shall not be requisite to decide any question for amendment or relating to the merits, being short of the final question, except on the question of the adoption of a conference report, concurring in House amendments, or receding from Senate amendments to any such bill or joint resolution returned from the House to the Senate for final action.

3.503 FINAL PASSAGE BY REQUIRED VOTE

- a) The vote on the final passage of any bill or the adoption of any joint resolution, including a joint resolution ratifying a proposed amendment to the federal Constitution, shall be taken by a record roll call vote, which shall be printed in the Journal (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 26).
- b) When any bill or joint resolution receives the constitutionally required assent, that fact shall be certified on the bill or joint resolution by the Secretary of the Senate.
- c) When a bill is given immediate effect by a two-thirds vote of the Senators elected and serving, that action remains in effect as the bill proceeds through the legislative process, unless the vote for immediate effect is reconsidered and defeated.

3.504 DEMAND FOR RECORDED VOTE

The record of the votes and names of the Senators voting on any question shall be printed in the Journal at the request of one-fifth of the Senators present (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18), except during the Committee of the Whole.

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3.505 VOTING

a) After a question is stated by the presiding officer or Chair, no motion shall be in order and no Senator shall be entitled to speak until the roll call is finished and the result is declared.

b) The electronic voting system shall be used, if operational, to determine the question before the body when the vote is taken by roll call or by division, and shall display the votes of each Senator and the running total. At the direction of the presiding officer, the Secretary of the Senate shall immediately activate the electronic voting system for one minute for a roll call vote, after which the vote shall be closed and no further votes shall be entered in the record. If all Senators present have voted before one minute has elapsed, the presiding officer may ask Senators if there is objection to closing the vote. If no Senator objects, the presiding officer shall instruct the Secretary of the Senate to close the board immediately and record the vote.

c) The presiding officer or Chair may close a division vote at his or her discretion when it appears that all members present have had a reasonable opportunity to vote.

d) If the electronic voting system is not operational, the presiding officer or Chair shall direct the Secretary of the Senate to conduct a roll call or a division vote orally, and to announce the results and record the roll call.

e) A Senator shall not vote for another Senator. A person not a Senator shall not vote for any Senator. In addition to penalties prescribed by law, any Senator may be punished as the Senate may determine for voting for another Senator. If a person not a Senator votes or attempts to vote, he or she, in addition to penalties prescribed by law, shall be barred from the Senate floor for the remainder of the session and may receive further punishment as the Senate deems proper.

3.506 A SENATOR'S RIGHT TO DISSENT

a) A Senator may dissent from or protest against any act, proceeding, or resolution which he or she believes is injurious to any person or the public, and have the reason for his or her dissent printed in the Journal (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 18).

b) A Senator may dissent orally by making a statement of protest, unless the previous question is in effect, which shall not be limited in length, or by moving that a statement made personally during session on any order of business other than during the Committee of the Whole be his or her protest. A Senator may also dissent by concurring with another Senator's protest or statement previously moved to be printed in the Journal during that day's session. Dissent statements not made during the debate preceding or immediately following the vote from which a Senator is dissenting shall be made under the order of business of Statements.

c) A Senator may dissent in writing not to exceed 1,000 words if:

1) He or she gives oral notice during session of an intent to file a written protest, and

2) On that day or prior to the end of session on the next Senate legislative day, a signed copy of the written protest is placed on each Senator's desk and filed with the Secretary of the Senate, and

3) No objections are raised and sustained by the end of session on the first Senate legislative day following the day oral notice was given.

d) All protests submitted in any of the above manners shall be printed in the Journal, except the Senate may refuse to print statements or material containing insulting and contemptuous matter under the guise of a protest.

e) No statement of any Senator shall be printed in the Journal unless moved by that Senator.

3.507 ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STATEMENTS

a) Announcements may be made during any order of business. Announcements are remarks concerning the session schedule, committee meetings, introduction of guests, congratulations, condolences or illness, requests to co-sponsor bills and resolutions, requests to be removed as a

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sponsor or co-sponsor of bills and resolutions, past vote intentions, or intentions of introducing legislation or resolutions. Announcements also include memorial remarks concerning the passing of individuals and may be made during any order of business except General Orders.

b) Statements on topics, issues or items not properly before the Senate shall be made during the order of business of Statements. Dissent statements may be made under the order of business of Statements.

c) A Senator is limited to one statement each day under the order of business of Statements, except for dissent statements which are unlimited in number.

d) Each statement shall be limited to five minutes orally or, if submitted in writing, shall be no greater than 1,000 words, except an oral dissent statement made on the order of Statements shall not be limited in length.

e) With the leave of the Senate, the President of the Senate may request that a statement made by the President be printed in the Journal.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 6 APPROPRIATION BILLS

3.601 GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS

The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal year covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or defeated in the Senate before it passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget, except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 31).

3.602 BILLS REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS

Any bill containing an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill (see Const. Art. 4, Sec. 31). Appropriation bills, when reported back to the Senate favorably by a committee other than the Committee on Appropriations, shall, together with amendments proposed by that committee, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations for consideration.

3.603 ESTIMATED REVENUE

One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the Senate shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by a major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal year, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed.

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3.701 FAVORABLE REPORTS

All bills and joint resolutions reported back to the Senate favorably shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole with amendments, if any, proposed by the committee, which amendments shall be considered first by the Committee of the Whole. Any bill or joint resolution may, after having been reported favorably to the Senate by a committee, be referred to a second committee. If the second committee reports the bill or joint resolution back to the Senate, the report shall include amendments, if any, that were recommended by the first committee. The reported bill or joint resolution, and any amendments, shall be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

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3.702 BUSINESS IN ORDER

When the Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole, General Orders shall be the only matter of business which shall be in order until the Committee rises.

3.703 BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS CONSTITUTING GENERAL ORDERS

a) Bills and joint resolutions referred to the Committee of the Whole shall constitute General Orders and shall be considered in the Committee of the Whole on a day subsequent to such referral in the order of their reference, unless the Senate or the Committee of the Whole otherwise determines.

b) No bill or joint resolution shall bypass consideration by the Committee of the Whole.

3.704 CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The presiding officer shall, when the Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole, designate a Senator as chairperson of the Committee, unless otherwise ordered by the Senate. Senators shall be designated alphabetically. The Majority and Minority Floor Leaders shall submit to the Secretary of the Senate names of designees for members of their respective caucuses when they are unable to serve.

3.705 RULES IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

a) The rules of the Senate shall be observed in the Committee of the Whole so far as may be applicable, except limiting debate, ordering the previous question, suspension of rules, or taking the yeas and nays. However, no speech shall exceed five minutes. A motion that the Committee rise shall always be in order and decided without debate. Motions in the Committee of the Whole recommending action by the Senate shall take precedence in the same order as identical motions made during a session of the Senate. Motions to recess or reconsider are in order in the Committee of the Whole.

b) No statement made during the Committee of the Whole shall be printed in the Journal.

c) In the event the Senate is in session in the Committee of the Whole at 11:55 p.m., it shall be the duty of the chairperson to declare the Committee of the Whole to have risen. The Committee of the Whole shall automatically rise and the presiding officer of the Senate shall resume the chair.

3.706 BILLS ORDERED TO THIRD READING

All bills and joint resolutions recommended for passage or adoption by the Committee of the Whole shall be placed on Third Reading of Bills by the Secretary of the Senate, and shall be taken up in the same order as they were advanced to the order of Third Reading of Bills unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 8 PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

3.801 AUTHORITY AND PRECEDENCE OF SENATE RULES

a) The principal sources of authority for Senate rules are, in the order of precedence, as follows:

- 1) Constitutional Rules
- 2) Fundamental Legal Principles
- 3) Statutory Rules
- 4) Adopted Rules
- 5) Adopted Parliamentary Authority
- 6) Parliamentary Law
- 7) Customs and Usages

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8) Judicial Decisions

Judicial decisions have the lowest precedence of the sources cited except to the extent they are interpretations of rules from one of the other sources. In those instances, they take the same precedence as the source which is interpreted.

b) Rules from the source with the higher precedence prevails when there are conflicts between rules from different sources.

3.802 MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE

The rules of parliamentary practice in the most recent edition of Mason's "Manual of Legislative Procedure" shall govern all cases except when they are inconsistent with the Standing Rules and precedents of the Senate.

3.803 RULES OF A NEWLY CONVENED SENATE

The Senate rules which are in effect when the Senate adjourns sine die in an even numbered year shall be the temporary rules of the Senate when it convenes at twelve o'clock noon on the second Wednesday in January of the following odd numbered year and shall remain in effect until other temporary or permanent rules are adopted (see MCL 4.42).

3.804 AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF SENATE RULES

The repeal or amendment of any rule shall be accomplished only by resolution. All proposed amendments or repeals of Senate rules shall be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform for consideration. The adoption of a proposed resolution for the repeal or amendment of any rule shall require a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

3.805 SUSPENSION OF RULES

The suspension of any Senate rule or adopted parliamentary authority shall require a majority of the Senators elected and serving.

CHAPTER III - SECTION 9

PRIVILEGE AND CONDUCT ON THE FLOOR

3.901 MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

Members of the media shall register with the Secretary of the Senate. The following provisions shall govern the registration process:

- 1) A member of the media shall be defined as a person employed by or working as:
 - a) A newspaper (as defined by U.S. postal regulations);
 - b) A broadcast station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, or a network serving one or more licensed broadcast stations;
 - c) A cable television system with a franchise granted by a Michigan unit of government, or a network serving one or more franchised cable systems;
 - d) A wire service; or
 - e) An independent contractor on assignment to report state government news for an organization described above.
- 2) A visiting member of the media shall register on a daily basis at least 30 minutes before the start of session with the Secretary of the Senate.
- 3) The Secretary of the Senate may, under special circumstances, register representatives of the media not defined above if it is determined to be in the public interest.

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4) Technicians for broadcast/cable stations shall also be registered when accompanying members of the media and shall be subject to the same rules.

5) The Secretary of the Senate may revoke the registration of any member of the media for cause. Cause shall include, but not be limited to, a change in employment status, lobbying or acting as a lobbyist agent, disrupting Senate proceedings, or refusing to comply with Senate rules or the directives of the presiding officer, Senate Majority Leader, or Secretary of the Senate. A decision to revoke registration may be appealed to the Committee on Government Operations and Reform.

6) Members of the media may talk with a Senator in the front entry or the hallway behind the Senate rostrum. Members of the media, notwithstanding Senate Rule 3.902, may leave the media's designated area and talk with Senators in the Chamber immediately following adjournment.

7) Members of the media shall enter from the north main door or the two south doors on either side of the rostrum and shall proceed directly to the areas designated for the media. If a member of the media enters through the north main door, he or she shall proceed directly to the areas designated for the media using the east or west side aisles only. Members of the media shall not enter the cloak room or the restrooms of the Senate Chamber.

8) Members of the media may film, videotape, or photograph the Senate session from the media's designated area. During the first 20 minutes after the attendance roll call, with permission from the Senate, members of the media shall be allowed to film, videotape, or photograph from along the full length of the east and west side aisles.

9) A member of the media, including a broadcast technician, shall be entitled to record Senate session as long as it does not disrupt the proceedings of the Senate. "Record" shall mean videotaping, photographing, filming, taping, or electronically transmitting Senate proceedings or activities on the Senate floor when the Senate is in session.

3.902 FLOOR PRIVILEGE AND CONDUCT

A) A session of the Senate shall be defined, for the purposes of this rule, as any period of time when the Senate is in session, any recess, and any 15-minute period before the Senate convenes and five minutes after it adjourns. The Senate floor is defined as the Senate Chamber and adjoining Rooms S212, S204 (E. Lakin Brown Room), S204A, S201 and S207. Access to the Senate floor shall be restricted as outlined below during any session of the Senate, except that members of the public are permitted in Room S204 when a scheduled press conference is held there during session.

1) No person, other than the following, shall be admitted to the Senate floor:

- a) Senators or Representatives
- b) The President of the Senate
- c) The Governor
- d) Senators or Representatives in Congress
- e) Former Michigan Legislators
- f) The Secretary of the Senate and his or her support staff
- g) Legislative staff as authorized in guidelines issued by the Senate Majority Leader
- h) One representative of the Governor
- i) Members of the immediate family of a Senator or the President of the Senate
- j) Registered members of the media pursuant to Rule 3.901
- k) A guest who has been invited by a Senator to offer the invocation, and an immediate family member of that guest.

2) No registered lobbyist agent, including former Legislators, shall be allowed on the Senate floor. They shall not be allowed in the hallway behind the Senate rostrum, unless en route to or from the Lieutenant Governor's Office (S215) or the Elijah Myers Room (S208).

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3) A former Legislator shall not lobby on the Senate floor, except if they are admitted under Senate Rule 3.902 A) 1) g) or h).

B) No person shall engage in any conduct on the Senate floor during any session of the Senate which undermines the decorum of the Senate. All persons who are admitted to the Senate floor shall observe the following guidelines:

1) No Senator shall speak until recognized by the presiding officer, unless the Senator rises to make a point of order.

2) Except as otherwise outlined in other Senate rules, no Senator shall speak on any matter not properly before the Senate.

3) No Senator shall speak more than twice in any one debate on the same day, without leave of the Senate, except the Senator who sponsored the matter under consideration, the Senator who sponsored the bill or resolution if an amendment is under consideration, the chairperson of the committee which reported it and the chairperson of the subcommittee which considered the matter. Each speech shall not exceed five minutes or, if submitted in writing, not exceed 1,000 words, except there is no limit on the length of a speech on Third Reading of Bills, memorial announcements, or an oral dissent statement.

4) No Senator shall speak impertinently or submit in writing impertinent statements, attack the motives of any Senator who proposes or advocates a particular position, use indecent language or other disorderly words, or refer to another Senator by name in a disparaging way.

5) No Senator shall use a display, exhibit, or prop on the Senate floor during discussions, debate, statements, or the announcement of the introduction of a bill or resolution.

6) No person other than a Senator or the President of the Senate shall pass through the well of the Senate Chamber which is immediately in front of the Senate rostrum.

7) No person shall pass between the presiding officer and a Senator who is speaking.

8) No person other than a Senator or the President of the Senate shall use the center aisle of the Chamber.

9) No person other than a Senator shall sit in a Senator's chair.

10) No staff shall be allowed on the Senate floor unless they wait in the majority or minority lounge or the lounge at the rear of the Chamber until they are needed by a Senator and shall then be seated at a Senator's desk.

11) No member of the media shall be allowed on the Senate floor unless he or she is in the media's designated area, except as otherwise provided in Rule 3.901.

12) No smoking shall be permitted on the Senate floor.

13) All individual electronic devices shall be turned off or on non-audible alert during Senate session. Failure to follow a warning issued by the presiding officer or Chair may result in the device(s) being confiscated for the duration of the session upon direction of the presiding officer or Chair.

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JOINT RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Transmission of Messages.

Rule 1. All messages necessary for conducting legislative business between the two houses shall be communicated in writing and electronically by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Amendments.

Rule 2. It shall be in the power of either house to amend an amendment made by the other to any bill or resolution.

Conference Committees.

Rule 3. (a) The house not concurring in the amendments of the other house shall appoint conferees and notify the amending house of its action. The amending house shall request return of the bill or resolution or appoint conferees. The conference committee shall consist of three members from each house, to be appointed as each house may determine. The first named member of the house in which the bill or resolution originated shall be chairperson of the conference committee. Upon appointment of conferees by both houses, the bill or resolution shall be referred to the conference committee. When one house amends or substitutes a bill that has been returned for concurrence from the other house, but then non-concurs in that bill as amended or substituted, those amendments or that substitute shall not be referred to the conference committee. The conference committee shall serve until the conference report has been adopted by both houses or rejected by a house.

(b) The conference committee shall consist of committees of the two houses with those two committees voting separately while in conference. The adoption of a conference report shall require concurring majorities of the members of each house. The conference committees of the two houses shall vote separately while in conference. The majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum of each committee and shall determine the position to be taken toward the propositions of the conference committee. If the conferees agree, a report shall be made which shall be signed by at least a majority of the conferees of each house who were present and voted in the conference committee meeting to adopt the report. The bill or resolution, including the original signed conference report and three copies, shall be filed in the house of origin where the question shall be on the adoption of the conference report. If the conference report is adopted in the house of origin, the bill or resolution, including the original signed conference report, and two copies of the conference report shall be transmitted to the other house where the question shall be on the adoption of the conference report. If the conference report is adopted in the other house, the bill or resolution and the original signed copy of the conference report shall be returned to the house of origin and referred for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor, filing with the Secretary of State, or filing for record with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Conference Committee Clerk.

Rule 4. The conference committee clerk shall be from the house of origin, who shall notify the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of all scheduled meetings for public posting and shall deliver written notice to each member of the conference committee and the majority and minority leaders of each house indicating the time and place of all scheduled meetings. Conference committees on appropriation bills may use fiscal agency personnel from the same house as the Chairperson for clerks.

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Conference Report: Rejection.

Rule 5. If the conference report is rejected by the house of origin, it shall appoint second conferees and notify the other house of its action. The procedure shall then be the same as for an original conference.

If the conference report is rejected by the other house, it shall appoint second conferees, notify the house of origin of its action, and transmit the bill or resolution to the house of origin. Upon receipt of the bill or resolution, the house of origin shall appoint second conferees and refer the bill or resolution to the second conference committee. The procedure shall then be the same as for an original conference.

Disagreement of Conferees.

Rule 6. If the conferees are unable to agree, a report of that fact shall be made to both houses. The report, that the conferees were unable to agree, shall be signed by at least a majority of the conferees of each house who were present and voted in the conference committee meeting to adopt the report. The bill or resolution, including the original signed conference report that the conferees were unable to agree, and three copies shall be filed in the house of origin. Both houses shall appoint second conferees, and the house of origin shall refer the bill or resolution to the second conference committee. The procedure shall then be the same as for an original conference.

Second Conference: Failure.

Rule 7. When a second conference committee fails to reach agreement, or when a second conference report is rejected by either house, no further conference is in order.

Power of Conferees.

Rule 8. The conference committee shall not consider any matters other than the matters of difference between the two houses.

For all bills making appropriations, adoption of a substitute by either house shall not open identical provisions contained in the other house-passed version of the bill as a matter of difference; nor shall the adoption of a substitute by either house open provisions not contained in either house version of the bill as a matter of difference.

When the conferees arrive at an agreement on the matters of difference that affects other parts of the bill or resolution, the conferees may recommend amendments to conform with the agreement. In addition, the conferees may also recommend technical amendments to the other parts of the bill or resolution, such as, necessary date revisions, adjusting totals, cross-references, misspelling and punctuation corrections, conflict amendments for bills enacted into law, additional anticipated federal or other flow through funding, and corrections to any errors in the bill or resolution or the title.

Adoption of Conference Report.

Rule 9. Conference reports shall not be subject to amendments or division. The vote on conference reports shall be taken by "yeas" and "nays" and shall require the same number of votes constitutionally required for passage of the bill or adoption of the resolution. Conference reports shall not be considered until printed in the Journal. The Journal printing requirement may be suspended by a house by a majority vote in that house, provided that a copy of the conference report has been made available to each Member.

Conference Reports: Points of Order.

Rule 10. Points of order regarding conference reports shall be decided by the presiding officer, subject to an appeal, which appeal shall be determined by a majority vote. When a conference report

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is ruled out of order, the conference report is returned to the originating conference committee with instructions to eliminate from the report such matters as have been declared not within the powers of the conferees to consider.

Either House May Recede.

Rule 11. At any time while in possession of the bill or resolution, either house may recede from its position in whole or in part, and the bill or resolution upon request may be returned to the other house for that purpose. If this further action is agreed to by both houses, the bill or resolution shall be referred for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor, filing with the Secretary of State, or filing for record with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Correction of Errors.

Rule 12. If errors are found in a bill or resolution which has been passed or adopted by both houses, the house in which the bill or resolution originated may make amendments to correct the errors and shall notify the other house of its action. If the corrective amendments are agreed to by the other house, the corrected bill or resolution shall be referred for enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor, filing with the Secretary of State, or filing for record with the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives.

In addition, the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall correct obvious technical errors in the enrolled bill or resolution, including adjusting totals, misspellings, the omission or redundancy of grammatical articles, cross-references, punctuation, updating bill or resolution titles, capitalization, citation formats, and plural or singular word forms.

Bills and Joint Resolutions.

Rule 13. Upon introduction, no bill shall include catch lines, a severing clause, or a general repealing clause, as distinguished from a specific or an express repealing clause. The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall delete such catch lines and clauses from all bills.

The same joint resolution shall not propose an amendment to the Constitution on more than one subject matter. However, more than one section of the Constitution may be included in the same joint resolution if the subject matter of each section is germane to the proposed amendment.

Yeas and Nays.

Rule 14. The yeas and nays shall be taken and printed in the Journal of the house taking action upon the passage or adoption of any bill, joint resolution, conference report, and amendments made by the other house to a bill or joint resolution.

No Members Present.

Rule 15. In the event the presiding officer and all members are absent on a day scheduled for meeting, the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, shall call that house to order at the designated time and announce the absence of a quorum. That house shall be declared adjourned until the succeeding legislative day and hour previously designated.

In any event where either or both houses of the Legislature adjourns to a date certain for more than two days, a committee composed of the Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may, by a unanimous vote of that committee, convene either or both houses of the Legislature at any time in case of emergency.

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If a gubernatorial appointment that is subject to the advice and consent process is made at a time such that 60 days would lapse during an extended recess of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader may schedule a session of the Senate for the sole purpose of carrying out the Senate's constitutional duties to advise and consent on gubernatorial appointments. No other action shall be taken by the Senate during session convened under this provision. The Senate Majority Leader shall notify the Secretary of the Senate at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of the scheduled session, and the Secretary of the Senate shall take all reasonable steps to notify the members of the Senate of the scheduled session.

Passage, Adoption, and Enrollment Printing.

Rule 16. Every bill passed or joint resolution adopted by both houses and returned to the house of origin shall forthwith be enrolled and signed by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Enrolled bills shall be presented to the Governor, and enrolled joint resolutions that propose an amendment to the Constitution shall be filed with the Secretary of State with a certificate attached to the effect that the joint resolution has been adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. If the house having last passed the bill or adopted the joint resolution requests its return and such request is granted or a motion is made in the house of origin to amend errors in the bill or joint resolution or to give the bill immediate effect, the enrollment printing shall not occur.

Every bill, joint resolution, and concurrent resolution passed or adopted by either house shall be transmitted to the other house unless a motion for reconsideration is pending.

Immediate Effect.

Rule 17. Whenever both houses, by the constitutional vote, order that a bill take immediate effect, a statement shall be added at the enrollment of the bill in words to this effect: "This act is ordered to take immediate effect."

Joint Resolutions.

Rule 18. Joint resolutions shall be used for the following purposes:

1. Amendments to the Constitution of Michigan.
2. Ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the United States submitted by the Congress.
3. Matters upon which power is solely vested in the Legislatures of the several states by the Constitution of the United States.

Joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution of Michigan shall require a 2/3 vote of the members elected and serving in each house for adoption. Other joint resolutions shall require a majority of the members elected and serving in each house for adoption. All joint resolutions shall require a record roll call vote.

Veto Override: Filing with Secretary of State.

Rule 19. When a bill is passed by both houses over the objections of the Governor or a bill is not filed by the Governor with the Secretary of State within the constitutionally mandated 14-day period, and the Legislature continues in session, an official enrolled bill with a letter from the house of origin signed by the Secretary of the Senate or the Clerk of the House of Representatives, as appropriate, shall be filed with the Secretary of State for a public act number to be assigned. The letter shall certify that the Governor's veto has been overridden by both houses of the Legislature or that the bill has not been returned within the specified time, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

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Section Numbers of Compiled Laws - Amendments.

Rule 20. The title of every bill to amend or repeal existing laws shall be clear and explicit so as to definitely fix what is proposed to be done. Such title shall refer to the act number and the year in which it was passed. If the bill was passed at an extra session of the Legislature, the title shall designate which extra session.

Such title shall contain the last title of the act it is proposed to amend. However, the short title (e.g., This act shall be known and may be cited as "The revised judicature act of 1961,") shall be used in acts where it has been defined by legislative enactment. The title shall also contain the chapter, part numbers and compiler's section numbers, if any, and the year of the compilation containing the same.

Following the passage of a bill with a short title, the house other than the house of origin shall replace the short title with the last full title of the act it is proposed to amend or repeal. Other corrective amendments to the title shall be made as may be necessary. The full title and amended title shall be agreed to by both houses.

When an amendment to a bill or a bill to amend an existing law is printed, words proposed to be added to such law shall be printed in upper case bold type, and the words to be omitted shall be printed in stricken-through type. This style requirement also applies to joint resolutions that amend the Constitution of Michigan.

All bills and joint resolutions introduced, amendments to joint resolutions, substitute bills and joint resolutions, and conference committee reports shall be approved as to form and section numbers by the Legislative Service Bureau.

Tie-bars.

Rule 21. A bill or resolution that is tie-barred to a request number shall not be considered for passage or adoption unless that tie-barred request item has been introduced. No bill or resolution shall be passed or adopted by either house until the tie-barred item has been designated in the appropriate blank space provided.

Elections in Joint Convention.

Rule 22. Whenever there is an election of any officer in joint convention, the result shall be certified by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The results shall be announced by the presiding officers to their respective houses, printed in the Journal of each house, and communicated to the Governor by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Legislative Handbook.

Rule 23. The initial appointment of the standing committee members of the two houses shall be printed in their respective Journals as soon as possible after the announcement. The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall prepare and have printed a legislative handbook containing these appointments and other information they deem appropriate.

Compensation.

Rule 24. Compensation for members, officers, and employees of the Legislature shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Senate or Clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, and transmitted directly to the payee.

If the office of a member of the Legislature becomes vacant, the compensation for the elected successor shall begin on the date of his or her oath of office.

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Committee Expenses.

Rule 25. No committee created by concurrent resolution shall incur expenses in excess of \$2,500.00 unless authorized in the resolution creating that committee.

Final Adjournment of Regular Sessions.

Rule 26. In the regular session in each year, this rule for adjournment shall govern.

The Majority Floor Leader of the Senate and/or the Majority Floor Leader of the House of Representatives shall introduce a concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment schedule for the Legislature for that regular session.

Daily Adjournment.

Rule 27. Neither house shall remain in session on any legislative day beyond 12:00 midnight. If either house is in session at 12:00 midnight, the presiding officer shall declare that house adjourned until a fixed hour for meeting on the next legislative day. That house shall stand adjourned until the next fixed meeting time.

Pending Business.

Rule 28. Any business, bill, or joint resolution which has not been defeated by either house shall be considered pending under the provisions of Article 4, Section 13 of the Constitution.

It shall not be in order for either house, by suspension of rules or any other means, to reconsider in a subsequent year the vote by which any business, bill, joint resolution, or veto override was defeated in a previous year unless there is a pending motion to reconsider offered in the odd-numbered year.

JOINT CONVENTION RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE

Held in Hall of House.

Rule 1. Joint conventions shall be held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, or such other location as may be agreed to by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the Senate. The President of the Senate or, in the absence of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House shall preside. Before the 2 Houses shall meet in joint convention, a concurrent resolution shall be introduced in one House setting forth the date and hour at which the joint convention shall meet, which, if adopted, shall be transmitted to the other House for concurrence.

Secretaries-Journals.

Rule 2. The Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be the secretaries of the joint convention. The proceedings of the joint convention shall be published with the Journals of the House, and the final result, as announced by the President on the return of the Senate to its chamber, shall be entered on the Journals of the Senate.

Rules of House to Govern.

Rule 3. The rules of the House of Representatives, so far as the same may be applicable, shall govern the proceedings in joint convention.

President pro tempore of Convention.

Rule 4. Whenever the Speaker of the House presides, he or she shall be entitled to vote on all occasions, and in case of a tie the question shall be declared lost.

Power to Compel Attendance.

Rule 5. Joint conventions shall have the power to compel the attendance of absent members in the mode and under the penalties prescribed in the rules of the House to which such members respectively belong, and for that purpose the Sergeant at Arms of each House shall attend.

May Adjourn from Time to Time.

Rule 6. Joint conventions may adjourn from time to time, as may be found necessary, and it shall be the duty of the House of Representatives to prepare to receive the Senate, and of the Senate to proceed to the joint convention, at the time fixed by law or resolution, or to which the joint convention may have adjourned.

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32	Jennifer Haase	Richmond	D
33	Kim Meltzer	Clinton Township	R
34	Woodrow Stanley	Flint	D
35	Vincent Gregory	Southfield	D
36	Pete Lund	Shelby Township	R
37	Vicki Barnett	Farmington Hills	D
38	Hugh D. Crawford	Novi	R
39	Lisa Brown	West Bloomfield	D
40	Chuck Moss	Birmingham	R
41	Marty Knollenberg	Troy	R
42	Harold L. Haugh	Roseville	D
43	Gail Haines	Waterford	R
44	Eileen Kowall	White Lake	R
45	Tim McMillin	Rochester Hills	R
46	James Marleau	Lake Orion	R
47	Cindy Denby	Fowlerville	R
48	Richard E. Hammel	Flushing	D
49	Lee Gonzales	Flint	D
50	Jim Slezak	Davison	D
51	Paul Scott	Grand Blanc	R
52	Pam Byrnes	Chelsea	D
53	Rebekah Warren	Ann Arbor	D
54	Alma Wheeler Smith	South Lyon	D
55	Kathy Angerer	Dundee	D
56	Kate Ebli	Monroe	D
57	Dudley Spade	Tipton	D
58	Kenneth Kurtz	Coldwater	R
59	Matt Lori	Constantine	R
60	Robert B. Jones	Kalamazoo	D
61	Larry DeShazor	Portage	R
62	Kate Segal	Battle Creek	D
63	James "Jase" Bolger	Marshall	R
64	Martin J. Griffin	Jackson	D
65	Mike Simpson	Jackson	D
66	Bill Rogers	Brighton	R
67	Barb Byrum	Lansing	D
68	Joan Bauer	Lansing	D
69	Mark Meadows	East Lansing	D
70	Mike Huckleberry	Greenville	D
71	Rick Jones	Grand Ledge	R
72	Justin Amash	Kentwood	R
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76	Roy Schmidt	Grand Rapids	D
77	Kevin J. Green	Wyoming	R
78	Sharon Tyler	Niles	R
79	John Proos	St. Joseph	R
80	Tonya Schuitmaker	Lawton	R
81	Phillip Pavlov	St. Clair Township	R
82	Kevin Daley	Lum	R
83	John Espinoza	Croswell	D
84	Terry Brown	Pigeon	D
85	Richard Ball	Laingsburg	R
86	Dave Hildenbrand	Lowell	R
87	Brian N. Calley	Portland	R
88	Bob Genetski	Saugatuck	R
89	Arlan B. Meekhof	West Olive	R
90	Joe Haveman	Holland	R
91	Mary Valentine	Muskegon	D
92	Doug Bennett	Muskegon	D
93	Paul E. Opsommer	DeWitt	R
94	Kenneth B. Horn	Frankenmuth	R
95	Andy Coulouris	Saginaw	D
96	Jeff Mayes	Bay City	D
97	Tim Moore	Farwell	R
98	Jim Stamas	Midland	R
99	Bill Caul	Mt. Pleasant	R
100	Goeff Hansen	Hart	R
101	Dan Scripps	Northport	D
102	Darwin L. Booher	Evart	R
103	Joel A. Sheltrown	West Branch	D
104	Wayne A. Schmidt	Traverse City	R
105	Kevin A. Elsenheimer	Kewadin	R
106	Andy Neumann	Alpena	D
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Corriveau, Marc R. (D) 20th District P.O. Box 5251 Northville 48167	Health Policy (C) Education Government Operations Judiciary	HOB N-699 373-3816 FAX: 373-5952 TOLL-FREE: 877-20TH-REP E-MAIL: marccorriveau@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Coulouris, Andy (D) 95th District P.O. Box 2005 Saginaw 48605	Commission on Uniform State Laws Banking & Financial Services (C) Health Policy Judiciary Tax Policy	HOB N-1199 373-0152 FAX: 373-8738 TOLL-FREE: 888-617-ANDY E-MAIL: andycoulouris@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Crawford, Hugh D. (R) 38th District 46275 West 11 Mile Novi 48374	Appropriations: Community Health Energy & Technology Health Policy Regulatory Reform	HOB S-887 373-0827 FAX: 373-5873 TOLL-FREE: E-MAIL: hughcrawford@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Cushingberry, George, Jr. (D) 8th District 18201 Cherrylawn Detroit 48221	Legislative Council Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees Michigan Legislative Black Caucus (Historian) Appropriations (C): Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight (C) Supplementals (C) Special Governmental Operations (VC)	HOB S-687 and CB 351 373-2276 FAX: 373-7186 TOLL-FREE: 888-347-8008 E-MAIL: georgecushingberry@house.mi.gov	H '75-'82 H '05-'10 (first four terms were prior to term limits)

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Daley, Kevin (R) 82nd District 3387 Daley Road Lum 48412	Agriculture Government Operations Great Lakes & Environment Labor	HOB S-1186 373-1800 FAX: 373-9981 E-MAIL: kevindaley@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Dean, Robert (D) 75th District P.O. Box 6861 Grand Rapids 49516	Assistant Floor Leader Appropriations: Special Governmental Operations (C) Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight (VC) Joint Capital Outlay (VC) Supplementals (VC) Higher Education Transportation	HOB N-1094 373-2668 FAX: 373-5696 TOLL-FREE: 888-750-3326 (DEAN) E-MAIL: robertdean@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Denby, Cindy (R) 47th District 9787 Amanda Drive Fowlerville 48836	Insurance (MVC) Health Policy Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs New Economy & Quality of Life	HOB N-896 373-8835 FAX: 373-5822 TOLL-FREE: 866-828-4863 E-MAIL: cindydenby@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
DeShazor, Larry (R) 61st District 3082 Muirfield Drive Portage 49024	Republican Caucus Vice Chair Commerce Education Senior Health, Security & Retirement Transportation	HOB N-995 373-1774 FAX: 373-8872 TOLL-FREE: 877-DIST-061 E-MAIL: larrydeshazor@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10

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Dillon, Andy (D) 17th District 26284 Graham Road Redford Township 48239	Speaker of the House Legislative Council (C) Appropriations	CB 164 373-0857 FAX: 373-5976 TOLL-FREE: 888-REP-DILLON E-MAIL: andydillon@house.mi.gov	H '04 (partial) H '05-'10 (in second term under term limits)
Donigan, Marie (D) 26th District 503 Poplar Avenue Royal Oak 48073	Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs (C) Appropriations: Transportation Ethics & Elections Health Policy Transportation	HOB N-790 373-3818 FAX: 373-5888 TOLL-FREE: 866-585-2471 E-MAIL: mariedonigan@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Durhal, Fred, Jr. (D) 6th District 4270 Tireman Detroit 48204	Appropriations: General Government (C) Corrections (VC) Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight Joint Capital Outlay	HOB S-685 373-0844 FAX: 373-5711 TOLL-FREE: 877-877-9007 E-MAIL: freddurhal@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Ebli, Kate (D) 56th District P.O. Box 2141 Monroe 48161	Assistant Majority Whip Tax Policy (C) Energy & Technology Great Lakes & Environment Tourism, Outdoor Recreation & Natural Resources	HOB N-990 373-2617 FAX: 373-5782 TOLL-FREE: 888-EBLI-056 E-MAIL: kateebli@house.mi.gov	H '06 (partial) H '07-'10 (in first term under term limits)
Eisenheimer, Kevin A. (R) 105th District 7205 McDermott Drive Kewadin 49648	Republican Leader Legislative Council House Fiscal Agency Governing Board	HOB S-721 373-0829 FAX: 373-1841 TOLL-FREE: 877-536-4105 E-MAIL: kevinelsenheimer@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10

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Espinoza, John (D) 83rd District 121 Wells Street Croswell 48422 810-679-4962	Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Appropriations: Agriculture (C) Environmental Quality (VC) State Police & Military & Veterans Affairs (VC) Community Health	HOB S-1187 373-0835 FAX: 373-9876 TOLL-FREE: 888-830-0835 E-MAIL: johnespinoza@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Geiss, Douglas A. (D) 22nd District 25680 Greenlawn Taylor 48180	Energy & Technology (VC) Education New Economy & Quality of Life Transportation	HOB S-786 373-0852 FAX: 373-5934 TOLL-FREE: 888-REP-GEISS E-MAIL: douglasgeiss@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Genetski, Bob (R) 88th District 107 Park Street Saugatuck 49453	Appropriations: History, Arts and Libraries (MVC) State Police & Military & Veterans Affairs (MVC) Corrections Higher Education Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight	HOB N-1192 373-0836 FAX: 373-8728 TOLL-FREE: 888-MICH-088 E-MAIL: bobgenetski@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Gonzales, Lee (D) 49th District 2460 Murphy Road Flint 48504	Appropriations: Transportation (C) History, Arts & Libraries (VC) Economic Development Higher Education	HOB N-898 373-7515 FAX: 373-5817 TOLL-FREE: 800-FLINT-49 (800-354-6849) E-MAIL: leegonzales@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10

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Green, Kevin J. (R) 77th District 4754 Karel Jean Court S.W. Wyoming 49519	Republican Caucus Whip Appropriations: Community Health (MVC) Health Policy Insurance	HOB N-1096 373-2277 FAX: 373-8731 TOLL-FREE: 866-KEVIN-77 E-MAIL: kevingreen@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Gregory, Vincent (D) 35th District 29501 Red Leaf Drive Southfield 48076	Associate Majority Whip Appropriations: Higher Education (VC) Community Health Human Services Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight	HOB N-799 373-1788 FAX: 373-5880 E-MAIL: vincentgregory@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Griffin, Martin J. (D) 64th District 705 S. Grinnell Jackson 49203	Michigan Capitol Committee (C) Oversight & Investigations (C) New Economy & Quality of Life Regulatory Reform Transportation	HOB N-998 373-1795 FAX: 373-5760 TOLL-FREE: 888-643-4786 E-MAIL: martingriffin@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Haase, Jennifer (D) 32nd District 34886 Maplewood Richmond 48062	Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Agriculture Commerce Education Ethics & Elections	HOB N-796 373-8931 FAX: 373-8637 TOLL-FREE: 866-DIST-032 E-MAIL: jenniferhaase@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10

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Haines, Gail (R) 43rd District P.O. Box 301085 Waterford 48330	Assistant Republican Whip Appropriations: School Aid & Education Economic Development Higher Education Joint Capital Outlay	HOB N-892 373-0615 FAX: 373-7512 TOLL-FREE: 888-REP-4043 E-MAIL: gailhaines@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Hammel, Richard E. (D) 48th District 6343 W. Clovis Avenue Flushing 48433 810-659-9793	Appropriations (VC): Economic Development (C) School Aid & Education (VC) Corrections Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight	HOB N-897 373-7557 FAX: 373-5953 TOLL-FREE: 888-347-8048 E-MAIL: richardhammel@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Hansen, Goeff (R) 100th District P.O. Box 167 Hart 49420	Assistant Republican Whip Commerce (MVC) Agriculture Tourism, Outdoor Recreation & Natural Resources Urban Policy	HOB S-1289 373-7317 FAX: 373-9469 TOLL-FREE: 877-999-0995 E-MAIL: goeffhansen@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Haugh, Harold L. (D) 42nd District 19464 Candlelight Roseville 48066	Regulatory Reform (VC) Commerce Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs Transportation	HOB N-891 373-0854 FAX: 373-5911 TOLL-FREE: 866-99-HAUGH E-MAIL: haroldhaugh@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Haveman, Joe (R) 90th District 151 Sorrento Drive Holland 49423	Great Lakes & Environment Insurance Judiciary Labor	HOB N-1194 373-0830 FAX: 373-7806 TOLL-FREE: 866-90TH-DIS E-MAIL: josephhaveman@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10

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Hildenbrand, Dave (R) 86th District 2700 Timpson Avenue SE Lowell 49331	Republican Floor Leader Legislative Council House Fiscal Agency Governing Board Appropriations	CB 141 373-0846 FAX: 373-8714 TOLL-FREE: 877-DAVE-086 E-MAIL: rephildenbrand@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Horn, Kenneth B. (R) 94th District 1 Sunburst Court Frankenmuth 48734	Energy & Technology (MVC) Oversight & Investigations Tourism, Outdoor Recreation & Natural Resources	HOB N-1198 373-0837 FAX: 373-3589 TOLL-FREE: 866-HORN-094 (866-467-6094) E-MAIL: kennethhorn@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Huckleberry, Mike (D) 70th District 1738 Vining Road Greenville 48838	Agriculture (VC) Commerce Energy & Technology Tourism, Outdoor Recreation & Natural Resources	HOB S-1089 373-0834 FAX: 373-9622 TOLL-FREE: 877-HUCK-70TH E-MAIL: mikehuckleberry@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Jackson, Shanelle (D) 9th District 9730 West Outer Drive, Apt. 102 Detroit 48223	Associate Speaker Pro Tempore Library of Michigan Board of Trustees Appropriations: History, Arts & Libraries (C) Community Health (VC) General Government Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight Transportation	HOB S-688 373-1705 FAX: 373-5968 TOLL-FREE: 888-4-SHANELLE E-MAIL: shanellejackson@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10

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Johnson, Bert (D) 5th District 36 Eason Street Highland Park 48203	Detroit Caucus (C) Regulatory Reform (C) Banking & Financial Services Energy & Technology Health Policy	HOB S-589 373-0144 FAX: 373-8929 TOLL-FREE: 888-DET-REP5 E-MAIL: bertjohnson@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Jones, Rick (R) 71st District P.O. Box 115 Grand Ledge 48837	Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (MVC) Great Lakes & Environment Judiciary Regulatory Reform	HOB N-1090 373-0853 FAX: 373-6589 TOLL-FREE: 888-RICK-071 E-MAIL: rickjones@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Jones, Robert B. (D) 60th District 3228 W. Michigan Avenue Kalamazoo 49006	Commerce (C) Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs Senior Health, Security & Retirement Tax Policy	HOB N-994 373-1785 FAX: 373-5762 TOLL-FREE: 888-833-6636 E-MAIL: robertjones@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Kandrevas, Andrew (D) 13th District 13400 Dix-Toledo Road Southgate 48195	Transportation (VC) Judiciary Labor Tax Policy	HOB N-692 373-0845 FAX: 373-5926 TOLL-FREE: 866-REP-1313 E-MAIL: andrewkandrevas@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Kennedy, Deb (D) 23rd District 19034 Seaton Drive Brownstown 48193	Labor (VC) Education Great Lakes & Environment Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs	HOB S-787 373-0855 FAX: 373-5922 TOLL-FREE: 866-725-2929 E-MAIL: debkennedy@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10

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Knollenberg, Marty (R) 41st District 5064 Christy Court Troy 48098	New Economy & Quality of Life (MVC) Commerce Transportation	HOB N-890 373-1783 FAX: 373-8660 TOLL-FREE: 877-248-0001 E-MAIL: martyknollenberg@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Kowall, Eileen (R) 44th District 2333 Cumberland Drive White Lake 48383	Republican Caucus Chair Banking & Financial Services Judiciary Tax Policy	HOB N-893 373-2616 FAX: 373-5843 TOLL-FREE: 866-334-0010 E-MAIL: eileenkowall@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Kurtz, Kenneth (R) 58th District 233 West Pearl Street Coldwater 49036	Families & Children's Services (MVC) Agriculture Ethics & Elections Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security	HOB N-992 373-1794 FAX: 373-5768 TOLL-FREE: 866-362-8812 E-MAIL: kennethkurtz@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Lahti, Michael A. (D) 110th District 913 Quincy Street Hancock 49930	Appropriations: Joint Capital Outlay (C) Natural Resources (C) General Government (VC) Corrections	HOB S-1489 373-0850 FAX: 373-9303 TOLL-FREE: 888-663-4031 E-MAIL: mikelahti@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
LeBlanc, Richard (D) 18th District 36267 Canyon Drive Westland 48186 734-729-0667	Associate Majority Whip Appropriations: State Police & Military & Veterans Affairs (C) Transportation (VC) Economic Development School Aid & Education	HOB N-697 373-2576 FAX: 373-5962 TOLL-FREE: 888-REP-LEBLANC E-MAIL: richardleblanc@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10

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Leland, Gabe (D) 10th District 19403 W. Warren, Apt. #2 Detroit 48228 313-441-3763	Urban Policy (C) Great Lakes & Environment New Economy & Quality of Life Transportation	HOB S-689 373-6990 FAX: 373-5985 TOLL-FREE: 866-525-4223 E-MAIL: gabeleland@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Lemmons, LaMar, Jr. (D) 2nd District 14157 Fairmount Drive Detroit 48205 313-245-4215	Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Commerce Insurance Senior Health, Security & Retirement	HOB S-586 373-0106 FAX: 373-7271 TOLL-FREE: 877-526-2702 E-MAIL: lamarlemmonsjr@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Lindberg, Steven W. (D) 109th District P.O. Box 322 Marquette 49855 906-228-6459	Labor (C) Education Energy & Technology Tourism, Outdoor Recreation & Natural Resources	HOB S-1488 373-0498 FAX: 373-9366 TOLL-FREE: 888-429-1377 (Upper Peninsula only) E-MAIL: stevenlindberg@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Lipton, Ellen Cogen (D) 27th District 26330 Hendrie Boulevard Huntington Woods 48070	Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Judiciary (VC) Energy & Technology Insurance Tax Policy	HOB N-791 373-0478 FAX: 373-5884 TOLL-FREE: 888-DIST-027 E-MAIL: ellenlipton@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Liss, Lesia (D) 28th District 27472 Haverhill Warren 48092	Government Operations (VC) Families & Children's Services Health Policy Labor Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security	HOB N-792 373-2275 FAX: 373-5910 TOLL-FREE: 888-LISS-028 E-MAIL: lesialiss@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10

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Lori, Matt (R) 59th District 14941 Roberts Shore Drive Constantine 49042	Appropriations: Agriculture (MVC) Community Health General Government	HOB N-993 373-0832 FAX: 373-5763 TOLL-FREE: 877--262-5959 E-MAIL: mattlori@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Lund, Pete (R) 36th District 6881 Muirfield Drive Shelby Township 48316	Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs (MVC) Insurance Tax Policy	HOB S-885 373-0843 FAX: 373-5892 TOLL-FREE: 888-MICH-REP E-MAIL: petelund@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Marleau, James (R) 46th District 3181 Sandoval Lake Orion 48360 248-373-1798	Health Policy (MVC) Banking & Financial Services Energy & Technology Insurance	HOB N-895 373-1798 FAX: 373-8574 TOLL-FREE: 248-724-2442 E-MAIL: jimmarleau@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Mayes, Jeff (D) 96th District 4297 Zander Drive Bay City 48706 989-671-2369	Majority Whip Energy & Technology (C) Agriculture Banking & Financial Services Tax Policy	HOB S-1285 373-0158 FAX: 373-8881 TOLL-FREE: 866-737-0096 E-MAIL: jeffmayes@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
McDowell, Gary (D) 107th District 10820 W. Glen Street Rudyard 49780	Appropriations: Community Health (C) Agriculture (VC) Higher Education	HOB S-1486 373-2629 FAX: 373-8429 TOLL-FREE: 888-REP-GARY E-MAIL: garymcdowell@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10

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McMillin, Tom (R) 45th District 1261 Oakwood Court Rochester Hills 48307	Education Families & Children's Services Government Operations Labor	HOB N-894 373-1773 FAX: 373-5838 TOLL-FREE: 866-969-0450 E-MAIL: tommcmillin@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Meadows, Mark (D) 69th District P.O. Box 4041 East Lansing 48826	Assistant Majority Leader Law Revision Commission Judiciary (C) Great Lakes & Environment Urban Policy	HOB S-1088 373-1786 FAX: 373-5717 E-MAIL: markmeadows@house.mi.gov	H '06 (partial) H '07-'10 (in first term under term limits)
Meekhof, Arlan B. (R) 89th District 9128 Oak Creek Lane West Olive 49460	Assistant Republican Leader Great Lakes & Environment (MVC) Commerce Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs Tax Policy	HOB N-1193 373-0838 FAX: 373-9830 TOLL-FREE: 888-238-1008 E-MAIL: arlanbmeekhof@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Melton, Tim (D) 29th District 2285 Snellbrook Auburn Hills 48326	Assistant Floor Leader Education (C) Tax Policy (VC) Appropriations: School Aid & Education Energy & Technology Regulatory Reform	HOB N-793 373-0475 FAX: 373-5061 TOLL-FREE: 888-MELTON-4 E-MAIL: timmelton@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10

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Meltzer, Kim (R) 33rd District 20585 Leelanau Trail Clinton Township 48038	Ethics & Elections (MVC) Commerce Tax Policy Urban Policy	HOB N-797 373-0820 FAX: 373-5974 TOLL-FREE: 800-209-3330 E-MAIL: kimmeltzer@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Miller, Fred (D) 31st District P.O. Box 46274 Mount Clemens 48046	Appropriations: Community Colleges (C) Community Health Human Services Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight	HOB N-795 373-0159 FAX: 373-5893 TOLL-FREE: 877-347-8031 E-MAIL: fredmiller@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Moore, Tim (R) 97th District P.O. Box 865 Farwell 48622	Families & Children's Services Health Policy Insurance Senior Health, Security & Retirement	HOB S-1286 373-8962 FAX: 373-7195 TOLL-FREE: 866-MOORE-97 E-MAIL: timmoore@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Moss, Chuck (R) 40th District 1184 Dorchester Road Birmingham 48009	House Fiscal Agency Governing Board Appropriations (MVC): Investigations, Intergovernmental Affairs & Oversight (MVC) Supplementals (MVC) School Aid & Education	HOB S-889 373-8670 FAX: 373-5868 TOLL-FREE: 877-707-MOSS (6677) E-MAIL: chuckmoss@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Nathan, David E. (D) 11th District 14351 Woodmont Detroit 48227	Associate Majority Whip Urban Policy (VC) Banking & Financial Services Commerce Education	HOB N-690 373-3815 FAX: 373-5986 TOLL-FREE: 888-MY-REP-11 E-MAIL: davidnathan@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10

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Nerat, Judy (D) 108th District N-4834 R-1 Drive Wallace 49893	Michigan Capitol Committee Great Lakes & Environment (VC) Agriculture Commerce Transportation	HOB S-1487 373-0156 FAX: 373-9370 TOLL-FREE: 866-779-1108 E-MAIL: judynerat@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Neumann, Andy (D) 106th District 503 West Washington Avenue Alpena 49707	Senior Health, Security & Retirement (C) Families & Children's Services Health Policy Insurance	HOB S-1485 373-0833 FAX: 373-8446 TOLL-FREE: 877-REP-4106 E-MAIL: andyneumann@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Opsommer, Paul E. (R) 93rd District 315 E. Main Street DeWitt 48820	Assistant Republican Whip Appropriations: Transportation Transportation (MVC) Commerce Energy & Technology	HOB N-1197 373-1778 FAX: 373-5780 TOLL-FREE: 877-859-8086 E-MAIL: paulopsommer@house.mi.gov	H '07-'10
Pavlov, Phillip (R) 81st District 1577 S. Allen Road St. Clair Township 48079	Education (MVC) Families & Children's Services Great Lakes & Environment Urban Policy	HOB S-1185 373-1790 FAX: 373-9983 TOLL-FREE: 866-4-PAVLOV (866-472-8568) E-MAIL: phillippavlov@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10

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Pearce, Tom (R) 73rd District 5530 Sunfish Lake Avenue Rockford 49341	Education Ethics & Elections Transportation	HOB N-1092 373-0218 FAX: 373-5697 TOLL-FREE: 888-414-3684 E-MAIL: tompearce@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Polidori, Gino H. (D) 15th District 22950 Park Street Dearborn 48124	Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (C) Education Insurance	HOB N-694 373-0847 FAX: 373-7538 TOLL-FREE: 866-789-GINO E-MAIL: ginopolidori@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Proos, John M. (R) 79th District 2695 Hillview Lane St. Joseph 49085	Appropriations: Corrections (MVC) Human Services Joint Capital Outlay Energy & Technology	HOB N-1098 373-1403 FAX: 373-3652 TOLL-FREE: 888-656-0079 E-MAIL: johnproos@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10
Roberts, Sarah (D) 24th District 23148 Francis St. Clair Shores 48082	Assistant Floor Leader Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security (VC) Education Energy & Technology Great Lakes & Environment	HOB S-788 373-0113 FAX: 373-5912 TOLL-FREE: 888-DIST-024 E-MAIL: sarahroberts@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Rocca, Tory (R) 30th District 12481 Starlite Court Sterling Heights 48312	Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Regulatory Reform (MVC) Insurance Judiciary	HOB N-794 373-7768 FAX: 373-5903 E-MAIL: toryrocca@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10

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Rogers, Bill (R) 66th District 4878 Pine Eagles Court Brighton 48116	Assistant Republican Floor Leader Appropriations: Economic Development (MVC) Environmental Quality General Government (MVC)	HOB S-1085 373-1784 FAX: 373-8957 TOLL-FREE: 800-295-0066 E-MAIL: billrogers@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Schmidt, Roy (D) 76th District 1127 Van Ess NW Grand Rapids 49504	Associate Majority Whip Michigan Capitol Committee Commerce (VC) Health Policy Military & Veterans Affairs & Homeland Security Transportation	HOB N-1095 373-0822 FAX: 373-5276 TOLL-FREE: 877-976-4ROY E-MAIL: royschmidt@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Schmidt, Wayne A. (R) 104th District P.O. Box 25 Traverse City 49685	Michigan Capitol Committee Energy & Technology Great Lakes & Environment Intergovernmental & Regional Affairs Transportation	HOB S-1388 373-1766 FAX: 373-9420 TOLL-FREE: 800-REP-1046 E-MAIL: wayneschmidt@house.mi.gov	H '09-'10
Schuitmaker, Tonya (R) 80th District 29924 60th Avenue Lawton 49065	Assistant Republican Floor Leader Law Revision Commission Judiciary (MVC) Appropriations: Judiciary (MVC) Energy & Technology	HOB N-1099 373-0839 FAX: 373-5940 TOLL-FREE: 800-577-6212 E-MAIL: tonyaschuitmaker@house.mi.gov	H '05-'10

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Agriculture	Wednesday, 12:00 noon
David Mead, Clerk, 3-2013	Room 307, HOB
Reps. Simpson (C), Huckleberry (Maj. VC), Barnett, Haase, Mayes, Nerat, Valentine, Tyler (Min. VC), Daley, Hansen, Kurtz	
Appropriations	Call of the Chair
Darlene Moore, Clerk, 3-2994	Room 352, CB
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Banking and Financial Services	Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
Eric Esch, Clerk, 3-0070	Room 327, HOB
Reps. Coulouris (C), Scripps (Maj. VC), Clemente, Johnson, Mayes, Nathan, Booher (Min. VC), Calley, Kowall, Marleau	
Commerce	Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
Jean Hamelin, Clerk, 3-5632	Room 519, HOB
Reps. Robert Jones (C), Roy Schmidt (Maj. VC), Byrum, Clemente, Haase, Haugh, Huckleberry, Lemmons, Nathan, Nerat, Sheltroun, Womack, Hansen (Min. VC), DeShazor, Knollenberg, Meekhof, Meltzer, Opsommer, Walsh	
Education	Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
Ben Cook, Clerk, 3-2002	Room 519, HOB
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Energy and Technology	Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
Cath Petroskey, Clerk, 3-8538	Room 519, HOB
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Ethics and Elections	Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.
David Mead, Clerk, 3-2013	Room 327, HOB
Reps. Angerer (C), Haase (Maj. VC), Lisa Brown, Donigan, Scripps, Slavens, Meltzer (Min. VC), Kurtz, Pearce	

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Families and Children's Services	Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
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Government Operations	Tuesday, 12:00 noon
Malika Abdur-Rashid, Clerk, 3-7256	Room 308, HOB
Reps. Constan (C), Liss (Maj. VC), Corriveau, Simpson, Slezak, Warren, Walsh (Min. VC), Daley, McMillin	
Great Lakes and Environment	Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
Cath Petroskey, Clerk, 3-8538	Room 521, HOB
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Health Policy	Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
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Insurance	Thursday, 9:00 a.m.
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Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs	Tuesday, 12:00 noon
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Labor	Wednesday, 12:00 noon
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Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security	Tuesday, 12:00 noon
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Oversight and Investigations	Tuesday, 12:00 noon
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Regulatory Reform	Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Eric Esch, Clerk, 3-0070	Room 326, HOB
Reps. Johnson (C), Haugh (Maj. VC), Byrnes, Griffin, Melton, Bettie Cook Scott, Stanley, Rocca (Min. VC), Crawford, Rick Jones, Stamas	
Senior Health, Security and Retirement	Wednesday, 12:00 noon
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Tax Policy	Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.
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Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources	Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
David Mead, Clerk, 3-2013	Room 521, HOB
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Transportation	Thursday, 10:30 a.m.
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Urban Policy	Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
Ben Cook, Clerk, 3-2002	Room 521, HOB
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**STANDING RULES OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 16**

**CHAPTER I
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Meetings, Officers and Quorum.

Rule 1. (1) The House shall meet in regular session at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. In each odd-numbered year, it shall proceed with its organization, the election of a Speaker and a Clerk for the ensuing term of the Legislature. The Speaker shall appoint the Speaker Pro Tempore and Associate Speaker(s) Pro Tempore from the membership. All elections shall be by roll call and shall require a majority of the Members voting to elect.

(2) A majority of the Members elected to and serving in the House shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and not less than 15 Members voting in favor thereof may compel the attendance of absent Members and prescribe penalties for non-attendance. (See Const 1963, Art 4 §§ 13 and 14)

Admission to Floor—Defined.

Rule 2. (1) No person shall be admitted on the floor of the House for a period of 30 minutes immediately preceding the time set for any call to order during any session of the House through adjournment, except as follows:

- (a) Representatives and Senators;
- (b) Former Legislators, unless otherwise restricted;
- (c) Sergeants at arms, pages, Clerk's staff, and legislative staff who are specifically designated to be working on the House floor during session;
- (d) Directors of Michigan Departments and the Governor's legislative liaisons who have obtained and are wearing in plain sight appropriate identification passes, issued under guidelines developed by the Majority Floor Leader;
- (e) Immediate family of Representatives who have obtained and are wearing in plain sight appropriate identification passes, issued under guidelines developed by the Majority Floor Leader;
- (f) Media correspondents accredited by the Clerk of the House who are wearing in plain sight appropriate identification passes, issued under guidelines developed by the Clerk. Media correspondents shall not use the center aisle or be at the Members' desks during roll call votes; and
- (g) Such other persons as may be invited by the Speaker.

(2) No group or individual shall be allowed access to the floor when the House is not in session unless permission is granted by the Majority Floor Leader or Clerk. The Majority Floor Leader and Clerk shall issue guidelines to ensure that guests using the floor are responsible for costs incurred by the House. If permission is given to a Member to bring guests on the floor when the House is not in session, the Member shall accompany the guests.

(3) Only Members shall sit in Members' chairs.

(4) Any person who is a lobbyist or employed by a lobbyist shall not be admitted on the floor of the House at any time. A former Legislator shall not lobby on the floor, except if they are admitted under rule 2(1). The words "floor of the House," when used in these rules, shall mean the space of the main floor of Representative Hall, together with adjacent rooms on the second floor of the Capitol under the jurisdiction of the Clerk, including the Democrat and Republican caucus rooms and the corridor behind the House rostrum.

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(5) Guests on the floor may be introduced only by permission of the Presiding Officer during the attendance roll call. Guests are to use the center aisle only if being escorted by a Member or House staff.

(6) Use of the center aisle should be kept at a minimum.

(7) The Majority Floor Leader must grant approval for the distribution of items on the floor and items must pertain to that day's agenda. All printed material intended for distribution on the floor shall be clearly identified by the Member requesting the distribution.

Bar of the House.

Rule 3. (1) Any Member, having answered attendance roll call at the opening of any session, or who enters after attendance roll call, shall be considered present until leave of absence is obtained from the House. Any Member having entered upon the floor of the House after the House has been called to order, shall be considered present if within the bar of the House.

(2) The words "within the bar of the House," when used in these rules, shall mean the space occupied and used by the House or any legislative room or office under the jurisdiction of the Clerk.

(3) A Member may only use a cell phone on the floor when at his or her desk. Cell phones on the floor shall not ring audibly.

CHAPTER II OFFICERS SPEAKER

Definitions.

Rule 4. Speaker is any Member elected as Speaker under Rule 1 of these rules.

Duties as Presiding Officer.

Rule 5. The Speaker, or the designee of the Speaker, shall take the Chair each day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned or recessed. The Presiding Officer shall call the House to order and lead the Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and, except in the absence of a quorum, shall proceed to business in the manner prescribed by these rules. In the absence of the Speaker, or the designee of the Speaker, the Clerk or Assistant Clerk may call the House to order.

Rule 6. (1) The Presiding Officer shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order, rising for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House. When two or more Members rise at once, the Presiding Officer shall name the Member who is first to speak.

(2) Only the Presiding Officer shall lead the House in observing a moment of silence.

Duties of Speaker as Chief Administrator.

Rule 7. (1) Payment to all persons, authorized under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) to expend House funds for transportation, lodging, meals, registration fees and related items, shall be made in accordance with expenditure regulations as predetermined and republished to Members by the Speaker. The regulations shall set forth the guidelines for amounts, methods of payment and time of payment for such items. The Speaker may revise the regulations upon 15-day notice to all Members.

(2) The Speaker may authorize persons to make expenditures from the general funds of the House for administrative purposes. The Speaker may enter into contracts for the purchase and payment of benefits affecting employees, Members of the House, retirees and their successors in interest.

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(3) Regular standing committees of the House shall be allotted such funds as the Speaker may authorize. The Speaker may restrict selected expenditures to a lesser number of Members, alternates or substitute Members, than the number of Members of the standing committee. The funds may be expended for items specified in paragraph (1) and for contractual services, publications and supplies. All expenditures under this paragraph shall be approved by the committee Chair and the Speaker and for items specified in paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with the regulations and guidelines provided for by paragraph (1).

(4) Additional committees may be authorized by resolution. The resolutions shall set the maximum budget of such committees. Members, alternates and substitute Members of such additional committees shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise specified in the resolution. The Speaker may restrict selected expenditures to a lesser number of Members, alternates or substitute Members than the number of Members specified in the resolution. Budgeted funds may be expended for items specified in paragraph (1), for contractual services, publications, supplies and any other items specified in the resolution. Payments for contractual services may be authorized by the committee Chair and the Speaker. All expenditures under this paragraph for items specified in paragraph (1) shall be in accordance with the regulations and guidelines provided for by paragraph (1).

Appointments by the Speaker.

Rule 8. The Speaker shall appoint all committees, except where the House shall otherwise order. If the Speaker makes permanent or temporary additions to or removals from any standing or special committee, the names and the appointments or removals shall take effect when the Clerk and Minority Leader are notified by letter and shall appear in the next House Journal.

Appointment of Employees by Speaker.

Rule 9. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee, shall appoint all employees of the House. Unless otherwise provided by law, the compensation for all employees and officers of the House shall be fixed by the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee. All employees of the House shall maintain a status as non-tenured, at-will employees. All employees of the House work at the pleasure of the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee, shall be subject to the Speaker's, or the Speaker's designee's, orders, and may be transferred to a different position, demoted, suspended, or summarily removed by the Speaker, or the Speaker's designee.

Naming of Acting Speaker.

Rule 10. The Speaker, may, by filing a written notice with the Clerk, appoint any Member to perform the duties of the Presiding Officer, but not for a longer time than one day without leave of the House. Such notice shall be spread upon the House Journal.

Voting.

Rule 11. The Speaker and Presiding Officer may vote on all elections and on all questions.

Putting the Question.

Rule 12. (1) The Presiding Officer shall pose all questions to the Members. If in doubt the Presiding Officer may order a division of the House. A division of the House may be had on the demand of ten Members. A vote taken by division is not printed in the House Journal. A roll call of the House may be demanded by one-fifth of the Members present (see Const 1963, Art 4 § 18) on any pending question and in such case the record of the votes and names of the voting Members shall be entered in the House Journal.

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(2) When a division of the House is ordered, the voting board shall be used, and the Clerk shall announce the vote and the Presiding Officer shall declare the result. On a tie vote the question shall be deemed as lost. A majority of those voting shall decide any question unless otherwise provided.

Recognition During Roll Call.

Rule 13. (1) After a question has been stated by the Presiding Officer, and the calling of the roll has been started by the Clerk, the Presiding Officer shall not recognize a Member for any purpose, until after the announcement of the vote by the Clerk except:

- (a) To raise a point of order;
- (b) To request an excuse for another Member;
- (c) To announce intent not to vote for reason of potential conflict of interest; and
- (d) To request that the board be cleared.

(2) The Clerk shall enter upon the House Journal the names of those voting "aye" and the names of those voting "nay". Roll calls shall be consecutively numbered in the House Journal.

SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

Powers and Duties.

Rule 14. (1) The Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore, or an Associate Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside over the House, unless the Speaker has designated another Member to preside.

(2) In the absence of a designated Presiding Officer, the Clerk shall preside and if a quorum is present may designate a temporary Presiding Officer of the same party as the Speaker.

CLERK

Roll Call.

Rule 15. The Clerk shall serve as parliamentarian of the House. The Clerk shall take the roll at the opening of each session of the House and announce whether or not a quorum is present. The Clerk shall enter upon the House Journal the names of the Members present for attendance roll call, the names of the Members specifically excused from session, and the names of the Members absent from session. The term "roll call" as used in these rules shall mean a record roll call.

Conduct of Religious Exercises.

Rule 16. The Clerk shall arrange for a Member to offer an invocation which will not exceed 2 minutes in length at the opening of each session of the House. This invocation shall be general in nature. For special occasions, the Clerk may arrange for religious services as needed.

Publication and Correction of House Journal.

Rule 17. (1) The Clerk shall make up and complete the House Journal, supervise its daily publication, and make corrections. The Clerk is authorized to correct totals that may have been affected by amendments made to appropriations bills.

(2) The House Journal is the only official record of the proceedings of the House.

House Calendar.

Rule 18. The Clerk shall prepare and make available to each Member each session day a list of the business under each order of business.

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Printing, Announcement of Printing and Enrollment of Bills.

Rule 19. The Clerk shall ensure the printing or reproduction of all bills, acts or documents ordered printed or reproduced by the House. The Clerk shall announce each day the numbers of all bills and letters of all joint resolutions which have been printed or reproduced and placed upon the files of the Members, and the numbers of House bills which have been enrolled and presented to the Governor.

Responsibility for Care of Bills; Presentation of Enrolled Bills to Governor.

Rule 20. The Clerk shall be responsible for the care and preservation of each bill introduced into the House, and for each bill received from the Senate up to the time of its return to that body. This responsibility shall only be relieved by a receipt from a person when the bill passes from his or her possession. The Clerk shall enroll a House bill while the House is not in session if that bill has passed both Houses and no action is pending. The Clerk shall notify the House of such action on the next House legislative day. When a House bill has been finally passed by the two houses, the Clerk shall present to the Governor an enrolled copy thereof, taking a receipt showing the day, hour and minute at which such copy was deposited in the executive office.

Appointment of Assistants.

Rule 21. The Clerk shall, with the consent of the Speaker, appoint an Assistant Clerk and other assistants. All assistants of the Clerk and employees of the House assigned to the Clerk's office shall maintain a status as non-tenured, at-will employees. All assistants and employees of the House assigned to the Clerk's office work at the pleasure of the Clerk and Speaker, shall be subject to the orders of the Clerk and Speaker, and may be transferred to a different position, demoted, suspended, or summarily removed by the Clerk or Speaker.

Accreditation of News Media.

Rule 22. (1) The Clerk shall receive the applications of all members of the news media. Persons desiring to be accredited as official media correspondents at the two-year session shall file a written application with the Clerk. When issuing credentials, the Clerk shall instruct the media person as to conduct on the House floor.

(2) Members of the press corps shall comply with all House rules and guidelines and shall, while on the House floor during session, display credentials at all times.

Responsibility for Care of House and Televising House Session.

Rule 23. (1) The Clerk shall exercise supervisory care and control of the Hall of the House of Representatives and all House rooms and equipment assigned to the office of the Clerk. The Clerk shall, upon prior written authorization by the Speaker, provide for repairs and alterations in the House Chambers and the connected rooms and corridors and their furniture and equipment.

(2) The Clerk shall be responsible for televised coverage of House session and committee meetings.

(3) As directed by the Speaker, the Clerk shall enter into contractual agreements for rental of House facilities.

Incapacity of Clerk.

Rule 24. In case of the inability of the Clerk to perform the duties of that office, the Assistant Clerk shall be charged with the responsibility of the Clerk and shall perform the Clerk's duties. In case a vacancy exists in the office of Clerk, the Assistant Clerk shall assume the Clerkship and perform the duties of Clerk until a successor has been elected.

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Notices in Cases of Extra Sessions.

Rule 25. Whenever the Legislature shall be called to meet in extraordinary session or in case of emergency, the Clerk shall notify Members and staff of the date and time of convening.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Definitions.

Rule 26. The Sergeant at Arms shall be the chief police officer of the House and shall be appointed by the Speaker. Under the direction of the Speaker, the Clerk shall supervise and direct the work of the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms, and may commission the Sergeant at Arms and Assistant Sergeants at Arms, who meet the certification requirements of this state, as law enforcement officers with the powers provided under the Legislative Sergeant at Arms Police Powers Act. (See MCL 4.381 - 4.382)

Powers and Duties.

Rule 27. The Sergeant at Arms shall have charge, under the direction of the Clerk, of the Assistant Sergeants at Arms and pages, and control of all police, safety and security regulations. The Sergeant at Arms shall have authority to serve subpoenas and warrants issued by the House or any duly authorized officer or committee, or cause the same to be done by one of the Assistant Sergeants at Arms, or a duly authorized agent. The Sergeant at Arms shall see that all visitors are seated and at no time are standing on the floor or balconies of the House. The Sergeant at Arms shall ensure that reasonable decorum is maintained in the lobby immediately in front of the entrance to Representative Hall to ensure access for Representatives and to ensure equal treatment for all citizens.

CHAPTER III MEMBERS

Conduct in Debate.

Rule 28. Members shall confine remarks to the question under debate and avoid personalities and reference by name.

Members Called to Order.

Rule 29. If any Member in speaking transgresses the rules of the House, the Presiding Officer shall, or any Member may, call the transgressor to order, in which case the Member so called to order shall immediately sit down and shall not rise unless to explain or proceed in order.

VOTING

Voting by the Electronic Roll Call System.

Rule 30. (1) When taking the roll call on any question, the electronic roll call system may be used, and shall have the same force and effect as a roll call taken as otherwise provided in these rules.

(2) When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring a roll call, and the vote is to be taken by the electronic roll call system, the Presiding Officer shall state the question to the Members. The Presiding Officer shall inform Members that the board is open to record their votes. When sufficient time has been allowed the Members to vote, the Presiding Officer shall direct the Clerk to close the board. Any Member can vote or change his or her vote after the board has been

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closed by rising and, when recognized by the Presiding Officer, announcing his or her vote before the result of the vote has been announced by the Clerk. After a sufficient time has passed to allow late voting, the Presiding Officer shall direct the Clerk to tally, display and announce the vote. The Clerk shall record the vote in the House Journal.

(3) No Member shall vote for another Member, nor shall any person not a Member cast a vote for a Member. In addition to such penalties as may be prescribed by law, any Member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another Member may be punished in such manner as the House may determine. If a person not a Member votes or attempts to vote, that person shall be barred from the floor of the House for the remainder of the session and may be further punished in such manner as the House may deem proper.

(4) Any vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays and entered upon the House Journal on request of one-fifth of the Members present. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 18)

Vote Explanations.

Rule 31. (1) A Member may dissent from and protest against any act, proceeding or resolution which the Member deems injurious to any person or the public, and have the reason for dissent, referred to as a "no vote explanation", printed in the House Journal. (See Const 1963, Art 4 Sec 18)

(2) If a Member desires to abstain from voting because of a potential conflict of interest, the Member may rise, announce his or her intent not to vote, and reserve the right to explain the abstention. The Member shall be granted the right to have the explanatory statement printed in the House Journal. To be printed in the House Journal, the abstention from voting explanation shall be submitted to the Clerk.

(3) No vote explanations or explanations of abstention from voting shall not be substantively edited by the Clerk before publication in the House Journal.

Conduct.

Rule 32. (1) No person shall pass between the Presiding Officer and a Member who has the floor.

(2) The Members shall keep their seats until the Majority Floor Leader announces that no further voting will occur or the Presiding Officer announces that the House is adjourned.

CHAPTER IV COMMITTEES STANDING COMMITTEES

Names and Number of Members.

Rule 33. (1) All standing committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, except where the House shall otherwise order.

(2) The standing committees of the House and the number of Members shall be as follows:

- (a) Agriculture (11)
- (b) Appropriations (31)
- (c) Banking and Financial Services (10)
- (d) Commerce (19)
- (e) Education (23)
- (f) Energy and Technology (19)
- (g) Ethics and Elections (9)
- (h) Families and Children's Services (9)

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- (i) Government Operations (9)
- (j) Great Lakes and Environment (15)
- (k) Health Policy (21)
- (l) Insurance (17)
- (m) Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs (11)
- (n) Judiciary (15)
- (o) Labor (11)
- (p) Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security (9)
- (q) New Economy and Quality of Life (11)
- (r) Oversight and Investigations (6)
- (s) Regulatory Reform (11)
- (t) Senior Health, Security, and Retirement (9)
- (u) Tax Policy (17)
- (v) Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources (11)
- (w) Transportation (17)
- (x) Urban Policy (11)
- (3) Statutory Standing Committees:
 - (a) Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (5)
 - (b) House Fiscal Agency Governing Committee (6)
 - (c) Legislative Council (6)
 - (d) Michigan Legislative Retirement System (4)
 - (e) Michigan Capitol Committee (4)
- (4) The House Journal shall report the roll call on all motions to report bills, resolutions and reorganization orders. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 17)
- (5) Committees shall adopt a meeting schedule at the commencement of each term which shall be printed in the House Journal. Additional meetings may be called by the Chair or by a majority of the Members in writing to the Clerk. The Chair may cancel any scheduled meeting, except one called by a majority of the Members, by notice to the Members.

Uniform Committee Rules.

Rule 34. (1) The Clerk of the House shall assign committee clerks with the approval of the respective committee Chairs. Duties of committee clerks shall be prescribed by the Clerk.

(2) Special committees shall operate under the same rules as standing committees insofar as practical. Conference committees on House bills shall meet at a place assigned by the Clerk.

(3) All committees will operate under the following rules:

- (a) A quorum of a committee shall consist of a majority of the Members appointed and serving;
- (b) Members of standing committees may not check in for a committee meeting and leave their vote. Members of committees may only cast a vote if they are present at the meeting during the vote;
- (c) It shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members appointed to and serving on a committee in order to:

- (i) Report a bill or resolution out of committee
- (ii) Recommend an amendment to a bill or resolution
- (iii) Reconsider a vote to report a bill or resolution from committee
- (d) Provided a quorum of a committee is present, it shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members voting in order to:

- (i) Table a bill or resolution
- (ii) Take a bill or resolution from the table
- (iii) Reconsider a vote, other than in subdivision (c)(iii)

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- (e) It shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the Members voting in order to:
 - (i) Postpone action on a bill or resolution
 - (ii) Recess
 - (iii) Adjourn a meeting
- (f) The Chair of a standing committee shall determine the agenda for a committee meeting; and
- (g) The Chair of a standing committee may create subcommittees and shall designate what is to be considered by each subcommittee. The Chair of the standing committee shall designate a Chair of the subcommittee and shall appoint Members to each subcommittee.
- (4) The Speaker may designate additional Members to serve on any subcommittee of a standing committee as voting members who do not serve on the full committee.
- (5) Subcommittees shall follow the same rules as standing committees.
- (6) Meetings or public hearings of committees may be scheduled outside of Lansing with prior written approval of the Speaker. Subcommittees must have the prior written approval of the Chair of the standing committee and the Speaker in order to conduct a public hearing or meeting outside of Lansing.
- (7) All meetings or public hearings of committees or subcommittees shall comply with the following procedures in order to assure public access (See Const 1963, Art 4 §§ 16 and 17):
 - (a) All meetings or public hearings shall be open to the public and accessible;
 - (b) The right of any person to attend a meeting or public hearing includes the right to tape-record, videotape, and/or broadcast live;
 - (c) The right of any person to attend a meeting or public hearing may not be conditioned on prior approval of, or notice to, the committee or subcommittee;
 - (d) All decisions of a committee or subcommittee shall be made at a public meeting;
 - (e) The right of a person to attend a meeting or public hearing shall not be limited by a requirement that she or he register or otherwise provide her or his name or other identifying information;
 - (f) A person shall not be excluded from a meeting or public hearing of a committee or subcommittee except for a breach of the peace or in order to protect the health and safety of persons in attendance at the meeting;
 - (g) A rescheduled or a special meeting of a committee or subcommittee shall be posted at least 18 hours before the scheduled meeting time. No committee or subcommittee shall remain in session or stand in recess beyond the hour of 12:00 midnight; and
 - (h) Notice of committee or subcommittee meetings or public hearings shall include notice that individuals needing special services to fully participate in the meeting or public hearing may contact the committee or subcommittee chair to request the necessary assistance.
- (8) Each committee shall have written minutes prepared of each meeting. The minutes shall include the date, time, place, Members present, Members absent, Members excused, and any decisions which were made. The minutes shall also include all roll call votes taken at the meeting. The proposed minutes of a meeting shall be available for inspection by the public within 8 working days of the meeting. Minutes shall be approved by the committee at the next meeting. Approved minutes shall be available for public inspection no later than 5 working days after approval.
- (9) Committees may excuse a Member from attending a committee meeting.
- (10) Committees shall not meet during a session of the House without the consent of the House.
- (11) There shall be no smoking during a meeting of a standing committee or a subcommittee.
- (12) To the extent practical, special committees shall follow the same rules as standing committees of the House.

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(13) With approval of a majority of the Members appointed and serving on the committee, a committee may adopt additional rules provided they do not conflict with the Uniform Standing Committee Rules or with the Standing Rules of the House.

(14) A motion for previous question is not in order.

Chair of Committee.

Rule 35. The first named Member of any committee shall be the Chair, and the second named Member shall be Vice-Chair. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair the next named Member of the Majority party in attendance shall act as Chair. The Chair or any Member of the committee may place under oath or affirmation any person who appears to testify before the committee.

Government Operations Committee and Auditor General Reports.

Rule 36. The Government Operations Committee shall receive and may review all reports presented by the Legislative Auditor General. Regardless of the actions of the Government Operations Committee, any committee may review any report.

Subpoena Power.

Rule 37. The right of a special or standing committee to subpoena shall be granted by resolution of the House in accordance with Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure – current edition. The vote on adoption of a subpoena power resolution shall be by record roll call vote. The votes of a majority of the Members elected and serving shall be required for adoption. The right to subpoena shall not be granted to subcommittees.

Reports of Committees.

Rule 38. (1) A committee may recommend amendments, a substitute, or referral to another committee, with or without recommendation as to passage or adoption. A substitute is an amendment that replaces all of the language in a bill or resolution.

(2) Substitutes reported by the committee shall include all adopted amendments and shall be prepared by the Legislative Service Bureau. A majority of the Members serving on a committee shall be necessary to report a bill or resolution out of the committee. A majority of the Members appointed to a committee and serving shall constitute a quorum. Minority reports shall not be permitted or received by the House. Bills or resolutions reported without recommendation as to passage or adoption shall lie on the table.

(3) All bills favorably reported back to the House shall be referred to second reading together with amendments recommended by the standing committee. All resolutions reported back to the House shall be referred to reports of standing committees together with amendments recommended by the standing committee. If more than one standing committee has considered a bill, the amendments recommended by each committee shall be considered in the chronological order of committee consideration and the report of the last committee to consider the bill shall contain the amendments recommended by the previous committees.

Public Hearings.

Rule 39. A committee may provide for a public hearing on any bill referred to that committee. Notice of such hearing, its subject, time and place, shall be given in writing to the Clerk of the House who shall announce the hearing to the House, publish it in the House Journal and in the House calendar and post it on the bulletin board designated by the Clerk for the posting of such notices.

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CHAPTER V TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS

Order of Business.

Rule 40. (1) The order of business of the House shall be as follows, unless otherwise ordered by the House:

- (a) Motions and Resolutions;
- (b) Announcement by the Clerk of Printing and Enrollment;
- (c) Reports of Select Committees;
- (d) Reports of Standing Committees;
- (e) Messages from the Senate;
- (f) Third Reading;
- (g) Second Reading;
- (h) Notices;
- (i) Messages from the Governor;
- (j) Comments and Recommendations;
- (k) Explanation of "No" Votes;
- (l) Communications from State Officers;
- (m) Introduction of Bills;
- (n) Announcements by the Clerk; and
- (o) Presentation of Petitions.

(2) Routine business on which no vote of the House is required may be disposed of on any day, with or without a quorum present. If a quorum is not present, any item of business becoming the subject of a floor motion shall be postponed to the next legislative day.

(3) The business of the House shall not be delayed or interrupted by speeches by nonmembers, presentations, awards, ceremonies or musical programs.

BILLS

Introduction.

Rule 41. (1) All bills to be introduced shall be approved as to form and numbering of sections by the Legislative Service Bureau and be signed by the Member introducing them. Ten copies of each shall be delivered to the office of the Clerk not later than 3 hours prior to calling the House to order. The Clerk shall number bills in the order of receiving, and present the same to the House at the next session of the House. All bills shall be introduced in typewritten or printed form.

(2) Once a bill has been turned in to the Clerk's office for introduction, up to 3 hours prior to calling the House to order, a Member may add his or her signature as a co-sponsor only with the permission of the sponsor.

(3) No person may add or remove any signature, other than his or her own, from a bill being introduced.

(4) The Speaker shall refer all bills and joint resolutions to a standing committee no later than one House legislative day after being submitted to the Clerk.

(5) The Speaker may change the original referral of a bill or resolution by written communication submitted to the Clerk before the end of session on the third House legislative day following the day of the original referral. Notices of the written communication shall be announced by the Clerk during session and shall be printed in the Journal.

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Order of Consideration.

Rule 42. (1) The order to be taken by bills introduced in the House shall be as follows:

- (a) Notice of introduction;
- (b) Introduction, first reading of title, order printed or reproduced and reference to a standing committee designated by the Speaker;
- (c) Report by the committee and placing on Second Reading;
- (d) Consideration of Second Reading;
- (e) Third Reading and vote on passage;
- (f) Transmission to Senate if passed;
- (g) Returned by the Senate, and, if not amended by the Senate, reference to the Clerk for enrollment printing; if amended by the Senate, laying over one day, and consideration under the same order of business (Messages from the Senate); and (if amendments are concurred in) reference to the Clerk for enrollment printing; and
- (h) Report by Clerk of enrollment printing and presentation to the Governor. Senate bills shall, as far as possible, take the same course as House bills.

(2) All joint resolutions shall take the same course as bills and shall be identified by letter, i.e., "A", "B", "C", etc.

(3) Nothing in these rules shall prevent a majority of the Members elected to and serving in the House from discharging a committee from further consideration of any measure. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 16) A notice of one session day shall be given of a motion to discharge any such committee, the notice to be in writing and entered upon the House Journal. If a committee of the House is discharged from further consideration of a bill, the bill shall be placed on the order of Second Reading.

Reading.

Rule 43. (1) Every bill shall be read three times in the House before its final passage. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 26) The first and second readings may be by its title only; the third reading may be by its title unless there is a motion to read the bill in full supported by 1/3 of Members voting.

(2) No bill shall be passed or become a law at any regular session until it has been printed or reproduced and in the possession of the House for at least five days. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 26)

(3) The Speaker or his or her designee may direct that a bill be printed or reproduced out of order.

Commitment and Amendment.

Rule 44. No bill shall be referred to a committee until it has been read a first time. No bill shall be altered or amended on its passage through the House so as to change its original purpose as determined by its total content and not alone by its title. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 24)

Referral to Second Reading.

Rule 45. All bills reported favorably by any committee of the House shall be referred to the order of Second Reading. Such bills shall be kept on file in the order of referral for consideration, and the file shall be called "Second Reading".

Second Reading.

Rule 46. When the House is under the order of "Second Reading" it shall consider the bills in such order as may be determined by a majority of those voting. Appropriation bills shall be placed at the head of the calendar for that order each day and shall be given preference in printing and reproduction over other bills.

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Second Reading Amendment.

Rule 47. (1) Under the order of Second Reading, bills shall be read a second time by their title. Committee recommendations, including amendments and substitutes, shall be considered first. Amendments to committee substitutes or committee amendments shall not be considered until such committee substitutes or amendments have been adopted by the House. Amendments offered from the floor shall be submitted to the Clerk and shall be approved as to form by the Clerk before consideration.

(2) When a substitute is offered, amendments to the proposed substitute shall not be considered before the proposed substitute is adopted.

(3) A bill may be advanced to the order of Third Reading by a vote of a majority of the Members voting. Such motion shall take precedence following the motion to amend.

Amendment; Vote.

Rule 48. No bill shall be amended prior to its Second Reading. Bills which have been considered on Second Reading shall be advanced to the order of Third Reading, either by motion and concurrence of a majority of the Members voting or in the absence of objection. Bills shall be subject to all subsidiary motions on Third Reading. Amendments offered on Third Reading shall not be considered, nor printed in the House Journal, unless seconded by a majority of the Members voting. Amendments on Second or Third Reading shall require a majority of the Members elected and serving for adoption. This requirement shall apply to amendments in the first and second degree and no further degree shall be permitted.

Third Reading.

Rule 49. (1) Bills may not be considered for final passage without having been considered on Second Reading. Bills considered on Second Reading may be placed on Third Reading for immediate passage by motion and concurrence of a majority of the Members elected and serving.

(2) Bills failing of passage are subject to reconsideration and if reconsidered are subject to consideration on the order of Third Reading.

Amendment; Co-sponsors.

Rule 50. After an amendment has been turned into the Clerk, a Member may not add his or her name as a co-sponsor without the approval of the sponsor.

Majority Vote on Bills.

Rule 51. (1) No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the Members elected to and serving in the House. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of the Members voting thereon shall be entered in the House Journal. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 26)

(2) After a House bill has been passed, or upon final action on a House bill returned from the Senate, a Member may add his or her name as a co-sponsor to a bill with the approval of the sponsor.

Extraordinary Vote Requirements.

Rule 52. (1) Action by the House on any of the following matters shall require the vote of two-thirds of the Members elected and serving:

- (a) Expulsion of Member (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 16);
- (b) Immediate Effect (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 27);
- (c) Local or Special Act (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 29);
- (d) Private or Local Purpose Appropriation (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 30);
- (e) Overriding Veto or Line Item Veto (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 33);

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- (f) Bank and Trust Company Laws (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 43);
- (g) Create Courts of Limited Jurisdiction (See Const 1963, Art 6 § 1);
- (h) Removal of Judges (See Const 1963, Art 6 § 25);
- (i) Long Term State Borrowing (See Const 1963, Art 9 § 15);
- (j) State Land Reserve Designation (See Const 1963, Art 10 § 5);
- (k) Rejection or Reduction of Civil Service Pay Increases (See Const 1963, Art 11 § 5);
- (l) Constitutional Amendment (See Const 1963, Art 12 § 1);
- (m) Exceed Revenue Limits (See Const 1963, Art 9 § 27); and
- (n) Mackinac Bridge Bonds Refunding (See Const 1963, Schedule § 14).

(2) Action by the House on any of the following matters shall require the vote of three-fourths of the Members elected and serving:

(a) Any law which increases the February 1, 1994, statutory limits on the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied for school district operating purposes (See Const 1963, Art 9 § 3); and

(b) Amendment or Repeal of Initiated Law (See Const 1963, Art 2 § 9).

Title; Object; Reference to Compiler's Sections.

Rule 53. No bill shall embrace more than one object, which shall be expressed in its title. No bill shall be altered or amended on its passage through the House so as to change its original purpose as determined by its total content and not alone by its title. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 24) If the bill proposes any amendment to existing laws, the sections of which have been assigned compiler's section numbers in the last general compilation of public acts, the title shall contain also a reference to the compiler's sections.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS IN GENERAL

Stating Motions.

Rule 54. When a motion is made, and when necessary under the rules, seconded, it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer; or, if in writing, it shall be read aloud by the Clerk before being debated.

Reduced to Writing.

Rule 55. The Presiding Officer may require that a motion be submitted in writing. The motion shall be entered upon the House Journal, together with the name of the Member making it, unless withdrawn upon request of the Member making it and by a majority vote of those voting, or ruled out of order by the Presiding Officer.

When in Possession; Withdrawal.

Rule 56. After a motion has been stated by the Presiding Officer, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment upon request of the Member making it and by a majority vote of those voting.

Precedence of Motions.

Rule 57. (1) When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received except:

- (a) To adjourn;
- (b) To take a recess;
- (c) To reconsider;
- (d) To lay on the table;

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- (e) For the previous question;
- (f) To postpone to a day certain;
- (g) To commit;
- (h) To amend; and
- (i) To postpone indefinitely.

(2) Such motions shall take precedence in that order, and shall be decided by a majority vote of those Members voting, except the motion to postpone indefinitely and the motion to amend shall be decided by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving. When a recess is taken with a question pending, the consideration of the question shall be resumed upon reassembling unless otherwise determined. No motion to postpone to a day certain, or to commit, being decided shall be again allowed on the same day and at the same stage of the question. A motion to postpone indefinitely having been decided shall not be subject to reconsideration. When a bill is up for consideration at any stage of procedure, and a motion is made to postpone indefinitely, or to strike out all after the style clause, amendments shall be in order before taking a vote on any such motion.

Always in Order; Not Debatable.

Rule 58. (1) The following motions are not debatable:

- (a) Adjourn;
- (b) Call of the House;
- (c) Recess;
- (d) Previous Question;
- (e) Table or take from the table; and
- (f) Decision of Presiding Officer unless an appeal is taken.

(2) The following motions are debatable but do not open the main question to debate:

- (a) Commit;
- (b) Discharge a committee;
- (c) Postpone to a time certain; and
- (d) Suspension of the Rules.

Order of Putting Questions.

Rule 59. All questions shall be put in the order they were moved, except in the case of privileged questions which take precedence as follows:

- (a) Call of the House when quorum is not present;
- (b) Make or give notice of a motion to reconsider;
- (c) Adjourn;
- (d) Recess;
- (e) Raise a question of privilege.

Amendments to be Germane.

Rule 60. No independent or new proposition or new question shall be introduced under color of an amendment. All amendments must be germane to the main question. When the question of germaneness is raised, the Presiding Officer shall rule on the question.

Division of Question.

Rule 61. Any Member may call for a division of the question, and if supported by a majority vote of the Members voting, the question shall be divided if its components are so distinct that if one is taken away a substantive proposition shall remain. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible.

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MOTIONS FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

Method of Ordering.

Rule 62. (1) The method of ordering the previous question shall be as follows: Any Member may move the previous question, and the motion shall apply to the pending question only. If the motion is seconded by at least ten Members, the Presiding Officer shall put the question of whether the main question shall be put. After the seconding of the motion for the previous question and prior to ordering the same, a Call of the House may be moved and ordered, but after ordering the previous question nothing shall be in order prior to the decision of the pending question, except:

- (a) Demands for the ayes and nays;
- (b) Points of order;
- (c) Appeals from the decision of the Presiding Officer; and
- (d) A motion to adjourn or to take a recess, which shall be decided without debate.

(2) The effect of the previous question shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the House to a direct vote upon the pending question. If the House shall refuse to order the pending question, the consideration on the subject shall be resumed.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Motions for Reconsideration.

Rule 63. Any Member may move for a reconsideration of any question on the same or next succeeding legislative session day, if the bill or resolution is still in the possession of the House. Reconsideration of the vote by which a bill passed the House, or any proposition requiring a vote in excess of a majority of Members elected and serving for adoption, shall require a majority of the Members elected and serving. The motion to reconsider shall not be renewed the same day. A motion to reconsider any question shall not be subject to any subsidiary motion except to postpone for the day. The question of passing a bill the objections of the Governor notwithstanding shall not be reconsidered more than twice.

Notice of Reconsideration.

Rule 64. A notice of intention to move for a reconsideration of any bill that is still in the possession of the House may be given by any Member from the floor or in writing to the Clerk, with the support of 1/3 of the Members elected and serving, which shall be immediately announced by the Clerk, spread upon the House Journal, and the bill shall be retained by the Clerk of the House until after the time expires during which under Rule 63 the motion can be made, either by the Member serving such notice or by any other Member. Notice of intention shall not be in order on the day preceding a recess of one week or more, unless supported by two-fifths of the Members shown to be present by the House Journal entries, or at a time which would prevent passage of the bill. No other Members may move for reconsideration on the same day that notice of intention to move for a reconsideration is given.

MOTIONS FOR CALLS OF THE HOUSE

Ordering Calls of the House.

Rule 65. Calls of the House may be ordered upon motion by a majority of the Members present but the total vote in favor of such Call shall not be less than fifteen in number. A motion for a Call of the House shall not be entertained after the previous question is ordered.

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Procedure.

Rule 66. After a Call of the House is ordered, the doors shall be closed and the Members shall not be allowed to leave the floor of the House without permission of the Speaker or the Speaker's designees. The roll of the House shall be called by the Clerk. The Sergeant at Arms may be dispatched after the absentees. In such case a list of the absentees shall be furnished by the Clerk to the Sergeant at Arms, who shall deliver such absentees at the bar of the House with all possible speed. In case the Sergeant at Arms shall require assistance in addition to the regularly appointed Assistant Sergeants at Arms of the House, during an authorized Call of the House, the Speaker or Presiding Officer may, upon motion, deputize any person properly qualified, including any member of the Michigan State Police, as a special assistant Sergeant at Arms. The House may proceed to business under a Call of the House pending the arrival of any absentees.

APPEALS

Form of Question.

Rule 67. On all appeals from the decisions of the Presiding Officer, the question shall be decided by a majority vote of those voting, by a roll call vote. A tie vote sustains the judgment of the Presiding Officer.

Tabling Appeals.

Rule 68. An appeal may be laid on the table but shall not carry with it the subject matter before the House at the time such appeal is taken.

Amendment or Suspension of Rules.

Rule 69. (1) Any rule of the House may be amended by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving. No rule shall be amended unless the amendment is in writing and in possession of the House five days prior to its consideration. A rule may be suspended by a vote of three-fifths of the Members shown to be present by the House Journal entries.

(2) Suspension of the rules as applied to matters pertaining to order of business, schedule of legislative sessions and adjournment may be by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving.

Practice.

Rule 70. In all cases not provided by the Constitution, the House Rules, or the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, the authority shall be Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure – most current edition.

House and Concurrent Resolutions.

Rule 71. Every resolution, both House and Concurrent, shall be read to the House, if not otherwise provided for, and shall be referred by the Speaker to a committee, or by the Presiding Officer to a committee designated by the Speaker unless the Speaker and Minority Leader agree to immediate consideration. Resolutions of sorrow may be considered immediately upon presentation. The adoption of any concurrent resolution approving any intertransfer or transfer of any appropriation shall be by record roll call vote.

CHAPTER VI PUBLIC ACCESS FINANCIAL RECORDS

Access to Financial Records.

Rule 72. (1) The financial records of the House of Representatives shall be open for public inspection. Upon a written request which describes the financial record sufficiently to enable the

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House of Representatives to find the financial record, a person has a right to inspect, copy, or receive copies of that financial record of the House of Representatives. Documents shall be available for inspection during normal business hours.

(2) A copy of the House financial records shall be on file with the House Business Office, which shall have overall authority to administer the House financial records under the direction of the Speaker of the House.

(3) As used in this section, "financial record" means a budget, contract, purchase order, an expenditure authorization, voucher, check, warrant, lease, audit report, balance sheet, travel voucher, or allotment account.

(4) The following information contained in legislative financial records is exempt from disclosure under this rule:

(a) Information of a personal nature contained in financial records where the public disclosure of the information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. Such information would include, but not be limited to, the following:

(i) An employee's social security account number, financial institution record, electronic transfer fund number, deferred compensation, savings bonds, W-2 and W-4 forms, and any court-enforced judgments.

(ii) An employee's health care benefit selection.

(iii) Telephone bill detail including the telephone number and name of individual called.

(iv) Unemployment Compensation and Workers' Disability Compensation records.

(b) Records and information specifically described and exempted from disclosure under statute or subject to attorney-client privilege;

(c) A bid or proposal by a person to enter into a contract or agreement, until the time for the public opening of bids or proposals, or if a public opening is not to be conducted, until the time for the receipt of bids or proposals has expired;

(d) Commercial or financial information or trade secrets voluntarily provided to the House of Representatives;

(e) Communications, notes, and electronic data within the House of Representatives or between the Legislature and other public bodies of an advisory nature;

(f) Internet - use records; and

(g) Any other document or record protected from public disclosure by agreement, contract, House rule, or law.

(5) The House of Representatives may charge a reasonable fee for providing a copy of a financial record. The fee shall be limited to actual mailing costs and to the actual incremental cost of duplication or publication including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt from nonexempt information.

(6) The House of Representatives may also charge a reasonable fee for providing for the inspection of financial records. This fee may include the actual incremental cost of supervising the inspection including labor, the cost of search, examination, review, and the deletion of exempt from nonexempt information.

Televising of House Session.

Rule 73. (1) Nothing in these rules shall prohibit the televising of sessions or committee meetings of the Michigan House of Representatives.

(2) The televised coverage of sessions and committee meetings of the Michigan House of Representatives by House television shall be made available for dissemination, pursuant to subsection (4).

(3) All televised coverage of House session and committee meetings shall be unedited.

(4) No portion of the coverage (either live or taped) authorized pursuant to subsection (2) may be utilized in any fashion for campaign or political purposes or to promote or oppose a ballot issue or

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the candidacy of any person for any elective office. Only accredited news organizations, educational institutions, and non-profit public affairs documentary programs may utilize any portion of the House television feed. No part of the House television feed may be used in any paid commercial advertisements.

CHAPTER VII

Personal Privilege and Conduct.

Rule 74. (1) Matters involving personal privilege are limited and include only the following:

- (a) Anything tending to subject a Member to ridicule or contempt;
- (b) Charges in news media accounts relating to a Member in his or her representative capacity only;
- (c) News media accounts attributing to a Member remarks he or she has not made;
- (d) Accusation by another Member in debate of intentional misrepresentation;
- (e) Assault on a Member for words spoken in debate; and
- (f) Arrest of a Member except for treason, felony or breach of the peace.

(2) A Member shall not use his or her position in any manner to solicit or obtain anything of value for himself or herself, House employees or any other Member which tends to influence the manner in which the Member performs his or her official duties.

(3) Sexual harassment of Members or House employees is prohibited and will not be tolerated by the House.

(4) A Member shall not convert for personal, business and/or campaign use, unrelated to House business, any supplies, services, facilities, or staff provided by the State of Michigan. This includes, but is not limited to, telephones, telecopy machines, computers, postage, and copy machines.

(5) A Member shall not solicit or accept any type of campaign contribution in any House facility or building.

Expungement of Records and Petitions.

Rule 75. (1) Any Member may dissent from and protest against any act, proceeding or resolution which he or she deems injurious to any person or the public and have the reason for such dissent entered in the House Journal. Any matter may be expunged from the record as not being privileged by order of the House by a majority of the Members elected and serving. When any matter is ordered expunged from the record, as above provided, no mention shall be made of the same, nor of the action of the House in ordering such expungement.

(2) No memorial, remonstrance or petition, except recount petitions, shall be printed in the House Journal without having been read to the House and ordered printed in the House Journal by a majority vote.

(3) Written or verbal remarks made under the order of business of Comments and Recommendations shall not be printed in the House Journal except for remarks regarding departing Members.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

Oath of Office.

Rule 76. Upon objection by any Representative or Representative-elect, no Representative-elect shall be given the oath of office or be permitted to be seated as a Member if he or she has previously been convicted of any election law violation which contributed to his or her election to the

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House of Representatives, subversion or has within the preceding 20 years been convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust. (See Const 1963, Art 4 § 7) Upon a finding by a majority vote of the Members elected and serving in the House that the offense committed by such Representative-elect is within the provisions of this rule, that person shall be declared to be not qualified for membership in the House, and the office shall be declared vacant. The question of a Member's qualifications shall be presented only by a Member.

CHAPTER VIII

Equally Divided House.

Rule 77. If at any time during the Ninety-fifth legislative session, there are 55 Members duly elected and serving as Democrats as evidenced by the party he or she represented on the general or special election ballot from which he or she was elected to the Ninety-fifth legislative session, and 55 Members duly elected and serving as Republicans as evidenced by the party he or she represented on the general or special election ballot from which he or she was elected to the Ninety-fifth legislative session, then the House of Representatives shall proceed with the election of a Speaker and other officers provided for in Rule 1 by at least 56 votes.

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MICHIGAN'S CONSTITUTIONS

Michigan has adopted four Constitutions. The Constitution of 1835 was adopted two years before Michigan became a state. The Constitutional Convention of 1835 met at the Territorial Capitol in Detroit on May 11, 1835, and adjourned on June 24, 1835. The Constitution of 1835 was adopted at an election held on October 5 and 6, 1835, by a vote of 6,752 to 1,374.

On June 3, 1850, a Constitutional Convention met at Lansing and completed its revision on August 15. The Constitution of 1850 was presented at the election of November 5, 1850, and adopted by a vote of 36,169 to 9,433.

Over fifty years passed before a new Constitution was adopted. On October 22, 1907, a Constitutional Convention convened at Lansing and completed its revision on March 3, 1908. The Constitution of 1908 was adopted on November 3, 1908, by a vote of 244,705 to 130,783.

Four attempts were made to call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of revising the Constitution of 1908 before the question was approved by the voters on April 3, 1961. A primary election for the purpose of electing delegates was held on July 25, 1961, and on September 12, 1961, one hundred forty-four delegates were elected. The delegates met at Convention Hall in the Civic Center, Lansing, on October 3, 1961, and adopted the proposed Constitution on August 1, 1962. The Constitution was submitted at the election of April 1, 1963, and adopted. A recount established the vote as 810,860 to 803,436. The effective date of the Constitution of 1963 is January 1, 1964.

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PREAMBLE

Preamble.

We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I

Declaration of Rights

§1 Political power.

Sec. 1. All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §1.

§2 Equal protection; discrimination.

Sec. 2. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his civil or political rights or be discriminated against in the exercise thereof because of religion, race, color or national origin. The legislature shall implement this section by appropriate legislation.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§3 Assembly, consultation, instruction, petition.

Sec. 3. The people have the right peaceably to assemble, to consult for the common good, to instruct their representatives and to petition the government for redress of grievances.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §2.

§4 Freedom of worship and religious belief; appropriations.

Sec. 4. Every person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. No person shall be compelled to attend, or, against his consent, to contribute to the erection or support of any place of religious worship, or to pay tithes, taxes or other rates for the support of any minister of the gospel or teacher of religion. No money shall be appropriated or drawn from the treasury for the benefit of any religious sect or society, theological or religious seminary; nor shall property belonging to the state be appropriated for any such purpose. The civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished or enlarged on account of his religious belief.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §3.

§5 Freedom of speech and of press.

Sec. 5. Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §4.

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§6 Bearing of arms.

Sec. 6. Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §5.

§7 Military power subordinate to civil power.

Sec. 7. The military shall in all cases and at all times be in strict subordination to the civil power.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §6.

§8 Quartering of soldiers.

Sec. 8. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner or occupant, nor in time of war, except in a manner prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §7.

§9 Slavery and involuntary servitude.

Sec. 9. Neither slavery, nor involuntary servitude unless for the punishment of crime, shall ever be tolerated in this state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §8.

§10 Attainder; ex post facto laws; impairment of contracts.

Sec. 10. No bill of attainder, ex post facto law or law impairing the obligation of contract shall be enacted.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §9.

§11 Searches and seizures.

Sec. 11. The person, houses, papers and possessions of every person shall be secure from unreasonable searches and seizures. No warrant to search any place or to seize any person or things shall issue without describing them, nor without probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to bar from evidence in any criminal proceeding any narcotic drug, firearm, bomb, explosive or any other dangerous weapon, seized by a peace officer outside the curtilage of any dwelling house in this state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

CONSTITUTIONALITY: The last sentence of this section was held invalid as in conflict with U.S. Const., Amend. IV. *Lucas v. People*, 420 F.2d 259 (C.A. Mich. 1970); *Caver v. Kropp*, 306 F.Supp. 1329 (D.C. Mich. 1969); *People v. Pennington*, 383 Mich. 611, 178 N.W. 2d 460 (1970); *People v. Andrews*, 21 Mich. App. 731, 176 N.W. 2d 460 (1970).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §10.

§12 Habeas corpus.

Sec. 12. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended unless in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §11.

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§13 Conduct of suits in person or by counsel.

Sec. 13. A suitor in any court of this state has the right to prosecute or defend his suit, either in his own proper person or by an attorney.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §12.

§14 Jury trials.

Sec. 14. The right of trial by jury shall remain, but shall be waived in all civil cases unless demanded by one of the parties in the manner prescribed by law. In all civil cases tried by 12 jurors a verdict shall be received when 10 jurors agree.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §13.

§15 Double jeopardy; bailable offenses; commencement of trial if bail denied; bail hearing; effective date.

Sec. 15. No person shall be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy. All persons shall, before conviction, be bailable by sufficient sureties, except that bail may be denied for the following persons when the proof is evident or the presumption great:

(a) A person who, within the 15 years immediately preceding a motion for bail pending the disposition of an indictment for a violent felony or of an arraignment on a warrant charging a violent felony, has been convicted of 2 or more violent felonies under the laws of this state or under substantially similar laws of the United States or another state, or a combination thereof, only if the prior felony convictions arose out of at least 2 separate incidents, events, or transactions.

(b) A person who is indicted for, or arraigned on a warrant charging, murder or treason.

(c) A person who is indicted for, or arraigned on a warrant charging, criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, armed robbery, or kidnapping with intent to extort money or other valuable thing thereby, unless the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant is not likely to flee or present a danger to any other person.

(d) A person who is indicted for, or arraigned on a warrant charging, a violent felony which is alleged to have been committed while the person was on bail, pending the disposition of a prior violent felony charge or while the person was on probation or parole as a result of a prior conviction for a violent felony.

If a person is denied admission to bail under this section, the trial of the person shall be commenced not more than 90 days after the date on which admission to bail is denied. If the trial is not commenced within 90 days after the date on which admission to bail is denied and the delay is not attributable to the defense, the court shall immediately schedule a bail hearing and shall set the amount of bail for the person.

As used in this section, "violent felony" means a felony, an element of which involves a violent act or threat of a violent act against any other person.

This section, as amended, shall not take effect until May 1, 1979.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. Q, approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. May 1, 1979.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The language certified by the Board of Canvassers was identical to House Joint Resolution Q of 1978, except for the deletion of the last sentence which contained the proposed May 1, 1979, effective date.

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The May 1, 1979, effective date provision of House Joint Resolution Q was not stated in the text of ballot Proposal K or in any of the material circulated by the Secretary of State, and was neither considered nor voted upon by the electors in the November 7, 1978, general election.

Therefore, the effective date of Proposal K is December 23, 1978, which was the date 45 days after the election as provided by Const. 1963, Art. XII, §1. Op. Atty. Gen., No. 5533 (1979).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §14.

§16 Bail; fines; punishments; detention of witnesses.

Sec. 16. Excessive bail shall not be required; excessive fines shall not be imposed; cruel or unusual punishment shall not be inflicted; nor shall witnesses be unreasonably detained.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §15.

§17 Self-incrimination; due process of law; fair treatment at investigations.

Sec. 17. No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. The right of all individuals, firms, corporations and voluntary associations to fair and just treatment in the course of legislative and executive investigations and hearings shall not be infringed.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §17, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §16.

§18 Witnesses; competency, religious beliefs.

Sec. 18. No person shall be rendered incompetent to be a witness on account of his opinions on matters of religious belief.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §18, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §17.

§19 Libels, truth as defense.

Sec. 19. In all prosecutions for libels the truth may be given in evidence to the jury; and, if it appears to the jury that the matter charged as libelous is true and was published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the accused shall be acquitted.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §18.

§20 Rights of accused in criminal prosecutions.

Sec. 20. In every criminal prosecution, the accused shall have the right to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury, which may consist of less than 12 jurors in prosecutions for misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year; to be informed of the nature of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him or her; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his or her favor; to have the assistance of counsel for his or her defense; to have an appeal as a matter of right, except as provided by law an appeal by an accused who pleads guilty or nolo contendere shall be by leave of the court; and as provided by law, when the trial court so orders, to have such reasonable assistance as may be necessary to perfect and prosecute an appeal.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §20, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. M, approved Aug. 8, 1972, Eff. Sept. 23, 1972;—Am. S.J.R. D, approved Nov. 8, 1994, Eff. Dec. 24, 1994.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §19.

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§21 Imprisonment for debt.

Sec. 21. No person shall be imprisoned for debt arising out of or founded on contract, express or implied, except in cases of fraud or breach of trust.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §21, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §20.

§22 Treason; definition, evidence.

Sec. 22. Treason against the state shall consist only in levying war against it or in adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless upon the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act or on confession in open court.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §22, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. II, §21.

§23 Enumeration of rights not to deny others.

Sec. 23. The enumeration in this constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. I, §23, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§24 Rights of crime victims; enforcement; assessment against convicted defendants.

Sec. 24. (1) Crime victims, as defined by law, shall have the following rights, as provided by law:

The right to be treated with fairness and respect for their dignity and privacy throughout the criminal justice process.

The right to timely disposition of the case following arrest of the accused.

The right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the criminal justice process.

The right to notification of court proceedings.

The right to attend trial and all other court proceedings the accused has the right to attend.

The right to confer with the prosecution.

The right to make a statement to the court at sentencing.

The right to restitution.

The right to information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, and release of the accused.

(2) The legislature may provide by law for the enforcement of this section.

(3) The legislature may provide for an assessment against convicted defendants to pay for crime victims' rights.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. P, approved Nov. 8, 1988, Eff. Dec. 24, 1988.

§25 Marriage.

Sec. 25. To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 2, 2004, Eff. Dec. 18, 2004.

§26 Affirmative action programs.

Sec. 26. (1) The University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, and any other public college or university, community college, or school district shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

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(2) The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

(3) For the purposes of this section "state" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the state itself, any city, county, any public college, university, or community college, school district, or other political subdivision or governmental instrumentality of or within the State of Michigan not included in subsection 1.

(4) This section does not prohibit action that must be taken to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program, if ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the state.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as prohibiting bona fide qualifications based on sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.

(6) The remedies available for violations of this section shall be the same, regardless of the injured party's race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, as are otherwise available for violations of Michigan anti-discrimination law.

(7) This section shall be self-executing. If any part or parts of this section are found to be in conflict with the United States Constitution or federal law, the section shall be implemented to the maximum extent that the United States Constitution and federal law permit. Any provision held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

(8) This section applies only to action taken after the effective date of this section.

(9) This section does not invalidate any court order or consent decree that is in force as of the effective date of this section.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 2006, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

§27 Human embryo and embryonic stem cell research.

Sec. 27. (1) Nothing in this section shall alter Michigan's current prohibition on human cloning.

(2) To ensure that Michigan citizens have access to stem cell therapies and cures, and to ensure that physicians and researchers can conduct the most promising forms of medical research in this state, and that all such research is conducted safely and ethically, any research permitted under federal law on human embryos may be conducted in Michigan, subject to the requirements of federal law and only the following additional limitations and requirements:

(a) No stem cells may be taken from a human embryo more than fourteen days after cell division begins; provided, however, that time during which an embryo is frozen does not count against this fourteen day limit.

(b) The human embryos were created for the purpose of fertility treatment and, with voluntary and informed consent, documented in writing, the person seeking fertility treatment chose to donate the embryos for research; and

(i) the embryos were in excess of the clinical need of the person seeking the fertility treatment and would otherwise be discarded unless they are used for research; or

(ii) the embryos were not suitable for implantation and would otherwise be discarded unless they are used for research.

(c) No person may, for valuable consideration, purchase or sell human embryos for stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures.

(d) All stem cell research and all stem cell therapies and cures must be conducted and provided in accordance with state and local laws of general applicability, including but not limited to laws

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concerning scientific and medical practices and patient safety and privacy, to the extent that any such laws do not:

(i) prevent, restrict, obstruct, or discourage any stem cell research or stem cell therapies and cures that are permitted by the provisions of this section; or

(ii) create disincentives for any person to engage in or otherwise associate with such research or therapies or cures.

(3) Any provision of this section held unconstitutional shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 4, 2008, Eff. Dec. 19, 2008.

ARTICLE II Elections

§1 Qualifications of electors; residence.

Sec. 1. Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years, who has resided in this state six months, and who meets the requirements of local residence provided by law, shall be an elector and qualified to vote in any election except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The legislature shall define residence for voting purposes.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

COMPILER'S NOTE: U.S. Const., Amendment XXVI, §1, provides: "The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age."

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. III, §§1-3.

§2 Mental incompetence; imprisonment.

Sec. 2. The legislature may by law exclude persons from voting because of mental incompetence or commitment to a jail or penal institution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§3 Presidential electors; residence.

Sec. 3. For purposes of voting in the election for president and vice-president of the United States only, the legislature may by law establish lesser residence requirements for citizens who have resided in this state for less than six months and may waive residence requirements for former citizens of this state who have removed herefrom. The legislature shall not permit voting by any person who meets the voting residence requirements of the state to which he has removed.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§4 Place and manner of elections.

Sec. 4. The legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place and manner of all nominations and elections, except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution and laws of the United States. The legislature shall enact laws to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting. No law shall be enacted which permits a candidate in any partisan primary or partisan election to have a ballot designation except when required for identification of candidates for the same office who have the same or similar surnames.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. III, §§1, 8.

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§5 Time of elections.

Sec. 5. Except for special elections to fill vacancies, or as otherwise provided in this constitution, all elections for national, state, county and township offices shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year or on such other date as members of the congress of the United States are regularly elected.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§6 Voters on tax limit increases or bond issues.

Sec. 6. Whenever any question is required to be submitted by a political subdivision to the electors for the increase of the ad valorem tax rate limitation imposed by Section 6 of Article IX for a period of more than five years, or for the issue of bonds, only electors in, and who have property assessed for any ad valorem taxes in, any part of the district or territory to be affected by the result of such election or electors who are the lawful husbands or wives of such persons shall be entitled to vote thereon. All electors in the district or territory affected may vote on all other questions.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. III, §4.

§7 Boards of canvassers.

Sec. 7. A board of state canvassers of four members shall be established by law. No candidate for an office to be canvassed nor any inspector of elections shall be eligible to serve as a member of a board of canvassers. A majority of any board of canvassers shall not be composed of members of the same political party.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. III, §9.

TRANSFER OF POWERS: See §16.128.

§8 Recalls.

Sec. 8. Laws shall be enacted to provide for the recall of all elective officers except judges of courts of record upon petition of electors equal in number to 25 percent of the number of persons voting in the last preceding election for the office of governor in the electoral district of the officer sought to be recalled. The sufficiency of any statement of reasons or grounds procedurally required shall be a political rather than a judicial question.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. III, §8.

§9 Initiative and referendum; limitations; appropriations; petitions.

Sec. 9. The people reserve to themselves the power to propose laws and to enact and reject laws, called the initiative, and the power to approve or reject laws enacted by the legislature, called the referendum. The power of initiative extends only to laws which the legislature may enact under this constitution. The power of referendum does not extend to acts making appropriations for state institutions or to meet deficiencies in state funds and must be invoked in the manner prescribed by law within 90 days following the final adjournment of the legislative session at which the law was enacted. To invoke the initiative or referendum, petitions signed by a number of registered electors, not less than eight percent for initiative and five percent for referendum of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected shall be required.

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Referendum, approval.

No law as to which the power of referendum properly has been invoked shall be effective thereafter unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at the next general election.

Initiative; duty of legislature, referendum.

Any law proposed by initiative petition shall be either enacted or rejected by the legislature without change or amendment within 40 session days from the time such petition is received by the legislature. If any law proposed by such petition shall be enacted by the legislature it shall be subject to referendum, as hereinafter provided.

Legislative rejection of initiated measure; different measure; submission to people.

If the law so proposed is not enacted by the legislature within the 40 days, the state officer authorized by law shall submit such proposed law to the people for approval or rejection at the next general election. The legislature may reject any measure so proposed by initiative petition and propose a different measure upon the same subject by a ye and nay vote upon separate roll calls, and in such event both measures shall be submitted by such state officer to the electors for approval or rejection at the next general election.

Initiative or referendum law; effective date, veto, amendment and repeal.

Any law submitted to the people by either initiative or referendum petition and approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon at any election shall take effect 10 days after the date of the official declaration of the vote. No law initiated or adopted by the people shall be subject to the veto power of the governor, and no law adopted by the people at the polls under the initiative provisions of this section shall be amended or repealed, except by a vote of the electors unless otherwise provided in the initiative measure or by three-fourths of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. Laws approved by the people under the referendum provision of this section may be amended by the legislature at any subsequent session thereof. If two or more measures approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

Legislative implementation.

The legislature shall implement the provisions of this section.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. II, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

CONSTITUTIONALITY: A law proposed by initiative petition which is enacted by the Legislature without change or amendment within forty days of its reception takes effect ninety days after the end of the session in which it was enacted unless two-thirds of the members of each house of the Legislature vote to give it immediate effect. *Frey v. Department of Management and Budget*, 429 Mich. 315, 414 N.W.2d 873 (1987).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §1.

§10 Limitations on terms of office of members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate from Michigan.

Sec. 10. No person shall be elected to office as representative in the United States House of Representatives more than three times during any twelve year period. No person shall be elected to office as senator in the United States Senate more than two times during any twenty-four year period. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the United States House of Representatives or the United States Senate for a period greater than one half of a term of such office, shall be

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considered to have been elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

The people of Michigan hereby state their support for the aforementioned term limits for members of the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate and instruct their public officials to use their best efforts to attain such a limit nationwide.

The people of Michigan declare that the provisions of this section shall be deemed severable from the remainder of this amendment and that their intention is that federal officials elected from Michigan will continue voluntarily to observe the wishes of the people as stated in this section, in the event any provision of this section is held invalid.

This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will remain in full force and effect.

HISTORY: Add. Init. approved Nov. 3, 1992, Eff. Dec. 19, 1992.

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General Government

§1 Seat of government.

Sec. 1. The seat of government shall be at Lansing.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. I, §2.

§2 Separation of powers of government.

Sec. 2. The powers of government are divided into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. No person exercising powers of one branch shall exercise powers properly belonging to another branch except as expressly provided in this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. IV, §2.

§3 Great seal.

Sec. 3. There shall be a great seal of the State of Michigan and its use shall be provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §§11, 12.

§4 Militia.

Sec. 4. The militia shall be organized, equipped and disciplined as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XV, §§1-3.

§5 Intergovernmental agreements; service by public officers and employees.

Sec. 5. Subject to provisions of general law, this state or any political subdivision thereof, any governmental authority or any combination thereof may enter into agreements for the performance, financing or execution of their respective functions, with any one or more of the other states, the United States, the Dominion of Canada, or any political subdivision thereof unless otherwise provided in this constitution. Any other provision of this constitution notwithstanding, an officer or

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employee of the state or of any such unit of government or subdivision or agency thereof may serve on or with any governmental body established for the purposes set forth in this section and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service. The legislature may impose such restrictions, limitations or conditions on such service as it may deem appropriate.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§6 Internal improvements.

Sec. 6. The state shall not be a party to, nor be financially interested in, any work of internal improvement, nor engage in carrying on any such work, except for public internal improvements provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §14.

§7 Common law and statutes, continuance.

Sec. 7. The common law and the statute laws now in force, not repugnant to this constitution, shall remain in force until they expire by their own limitations, or are changed, amended or repealed.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §1.

§8 Opinions on constitutionality by supreme court.

Sec. 8. Either house of the legislature or the governor may request the opinion of the supreme court on important questions of law upon solemn occasions as to the constitutionality of legislation after it has been enacted into law but before its effective date.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. III, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

ARTICLE IV Legislative Branch

§1 Legislative power.

Sec. 1. The legislative power of the State of Michigan is vested in a senate and a house of representatives.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §1.

§2 Senators, number, term.

Sec. 2. The senate shall consist of 38 members to be elected from single member districts at the same election as the governor for four-year terms concurrent with the term of office of the governor.

Senatorial districts, apportionment factors.

In districting the state for the purpose of electing senators after the official publication of the total population count of each federal decennial census, each county shall be assigned apportionment factors equal to the sum of its percentage of the state's population as shown by the last regular federal decennial census computed to the nearest one-one hundredth of one percent multiplied by four and its percentage of the state's land area computed to the nearest one-one hundredth of one percent.

Apportionment rules.

In arranging the state into senatorial districts, the apportionment commission shall be governed by the following rules:

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(1) Counties with 13 or more apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. After each such county has been allocated one senator, the remaining senators to which this class of counties is entitled shall be distributed among such counties by the method of equal proportions applied to the apportionment factors.

(2) Counties having less than 13 apportionment factors shall be entitled as a class to senators in the proportion that the total apportionment factors of such counties bear to the total apportionment factors of the state computed to the nearest whole number. Such counties shall thereafter be arranged into senatorial districts that are compact, convenient, and contiguous by land, as rectangular in shape as possible, and having as nearly as possible 13 apportionment factors, but in no event less than 10 or more than 16. Insofar as possible, existing senatorial districts at the time of reapportionment shall not be altered unless there is a failure to comply with the above standards.

(3) Counties entitled to two or more senators shall be divided into single member districts. The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the county by the number of senators to which it is entitled. Each such district shall follow incorporated city or township boundary lines to the extent possible and shall be compact, contiguous, and as nearly uniform in shape as possible.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §2.

§3 Representatives, number, term; contiguity of districts.

Sec. 3. The house of representatives shall consist of 110 members elected for two-year terms from single member districts apportioned on a basis of population as provided in this article. The districts shall consist of compact and convenient territory contiguous by land.

Representative areas, single and multiple county.

Each county which has a population of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall constitute a separate representative area. Each county having less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state shall be combined with another county or counties to form a representative area of not less than seven-tenths of one percent of the population of the state. Any county which is isolated under the initial allocation as provided in this section shall be joined with that contiguous representative area having the smallest percentage of the state's population. Each such representative area shall be entitled initially to one representative.

Apportionment of representatives to areas.

After the assignment of one representative to each of the representative areas, the remaining house seats shall be apportioned among the representative areas on the basis of population by the method of equal proportions.

Districting of single county area entitled to 2 or more representatives.

Any county comprising a representative area entitled to two or more representatives shall be divided into single member representative districts as follows:

(1) The population of such districts shall be as nearly equal as possible but shall not be less than 75 percent nor more than 125 percent of a number determined by dividing the population of the representative area by the number of representatives to which it is entitled.

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(2) Such single member districts shall follow city and township boundaries where applicable and shall be composed of compact and contiguous territory as nearly square in shape as possible.

Districting of multiple county representative areas.

Any representative area consisting of more than one county, entitled to more than one representative, shall be divided into single member districts as equal as possible in population, adhering to county lines.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §3.

§4 Annexation or merger with a city.

Sec. 4. In counties having more than one representative or senatorial district, the territory in the same county annexed to or merged with a city between apportionments shall become a part of a contiguous representative or senatorial district in the city with which it is combined, if provided by ordinance of the city. The district or districts with which the territory shall be combined shall be determined by such ordinance certified to the secretary of state. No such change in the boundaries of a representative or senatorial district shall have the effect of removing a legislator from office during his term.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§5 Island areas, contiguity.

Sec. 5. Island areas are considered to be contiguous by land to the county of which they are a part.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§6 Commission on legislative apportionment.

Sec. 6. A commission on legislative apportionment is hereby established consisting of eight electors, four of whom shall be selected by the state organizations of each of the two political parties whose candidates for governor received the highest vote at the last general election at which a governor was elected preceding each apportionment. If a candidate for governor of a third political party has received at such election more than 25 percent of such gubernatorial vote, the commission shall consist of 12 members, four of whom shall be selected by the state organization of the third political party. One resident of each of the following four regions shall be selected by each political party organization: (1) the upper peninsula; (2) the northern part of the lower peninsula, north of a line drawn along the northern boundaries of the counties of Bay, Midland, Isabella, Mecosta, Newaygo and Oceana; (3) southwestern Michigan, those counties south of region (2) and west of a line drawn along the western boundaries of the counties of Bay, Saginaw, Shiawassee, Ingham, Jackson and Hillsdale; (4) southeastern Michigan, the remaining counties of the state.

Eligibility to membership.

No officers or employees of the federal, state or local governments, excepting notaries public and members of the armed forces reserve, shall be eligible for membership on the commission. Members of the commission shall not be eligible for election to the legislature until two years after the apportionment in which they participated becomes effective.

Appointment, term, vacancies.

The commission shall be appointed immediately after the adoption of this constitution and whenever apportionment or districting of the legislature is required by the provisions of this

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constitution. Members of the commission shall hold office until each apportionment or districting plan becomes effective. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as for original appointment.

Officers, rules of procedure, compensation, appropriation.

The secretary of state shall be secretary of the commission without vote, and in that capacity shall furnish, under the direction of the commission, all necessary technical services. The commission shall elect its own chairman, shall make its own rules of procedure, and shall receive compensation provided by law. The legislature shall appropriate funds to enable the commission to carry out its activities.

Call to convene; apportionment; public hearings.

Within 30 days after the adoption of this constitution, and after the official total population count of each federal decennial census of the state and its political subdivisions is available, the secretary of state shall issue a call convening the commission not less than 30 nor more than 45 days thereafter. The commission shall complete its work within 180 days after all necessary census information is available. The commission shall proceed to district and apportion the senate and house of representatives according to the provisions of this constitution. All final decisions shall require the concurrence of a majority of the members of the commission. The commission shall hold public hearings as may be provided by law.

Apportionment plan, publication; record of proceedings.

Each final apportionment and districting plan shall be published as provided by law within 30 days from the date of its adoption and shall become law 60 days after publication. The secretary of state shall keep a public record of all the proceedings of the commission and shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of each plan.

Disagreement of commission; submission of plans to supreme court.

If a majority of the commission cannot agree on a plan, each member of the commission, individually or jointly with other members, may submit a proposed plan to the supreme court. The supreme court shall determine which plan complies most accurately with the constitutional requirements and shall direct that it be adopted by the commission and published as provided in this section.

Jurisdiction of supreme court on elector's application.

Upon the application of any elector filed not later than 60 days after final publication of the plan, the supreme court, in the exercise of original jurisdiction, shall direct the secretary of state or the commission to perform their duties, may review any final plan adopted by the commission, and shall remand such plan to the commission for further action if it fails to comply with the requirements of this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

TRANSFER OF POWERS: See §16.132.

§7 Legislators; qualifications, removal from district.

Sec. 7. Each senator and representative must be a citizen of the United States, at least 21 years of age, and an elector of the district he represents. The removal of his domicile from the district

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shall be deemed a vacation of the office. No person who has been convicted of subversion or who has within the preceding 20 years been convicted of a felony involving a breach of public trust shall be eligible for either house of the legislature.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §5.

§8 Ineligibility of government officers and employees.

Sec. 8. No person holding any office, employment or position under the United States or this state or a political subdivision thereof, except notaries public and members of the armed forces reserve, may be a member of either house of the legislature.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §6.

§9 Civil appointments, ineligibility of legislators.

Sec. 9. No person elected to the legislature shall receive any civil appointment within this state from the governor, except notaries public, from the legislature, or from any other state authority, during the term for which he is elected.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §7.

§10 Legislators and state officers, government contracts, conflict of interest.

Sec. 10. No member of the legislature nor any state officer shall be interested directly or indirectly in any contract with the state or any political subdivision thereof which shall cause a substantial conflict of interest. The legislature shall further implement this provision by appropriate legislation.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §§7, 25.

§11 Legislators privileged from civil arrest and civil process; limitation; questioning for speech in either house prohibited.

Sec. 11. Except as provided by law, senators and representatives shall be privileged from civil arrest and civil process during sessions of the legislature and for five days next before the commencement and after the termination thereof. They shall not be questioned in any other place for any speech in either house.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. A, approved Nov. 2, 1982, Eff. Dec. 18, 1982.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §8.

§12 State officers compensation commission.

Sec. 12. the state officers compensation commission is created which subject to this section shall determine the salaries and expense allowances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The commission shall consist of 7 members appointed by the governor whose qualifications may be determined by law. Subject to the legislature's ability to amend the commission's determinations as provided in this section, the commission shall determine the salaries and expense allow-

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ances of the members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court which determinations shall be the salaries and expense allowances only if the legislature by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature approve them. The senate and house of representatives shall alternate on which house of the legislature shall originate the concurrent resolution, with the senate originating the first concurrent resolution.

The concurrent resolution may amend the salary and expense determinations of the state officers compensation commission to reduce the salary and expense determinations by the same proportion for members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court. The legislature shall not amend the salary and expense determinations to reduce them to below the salary and expense level that members of the legislature, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the attorney general, the secretary of state, and the justices of the supreme court receive on the date the salary and expense determinations are made. If the salary and expense determinations are approved or amended as provided in this section, the salary and expense determinations shall become effective for the legislative session immediately following the next general election. The commission shall meet each 2 years for no more than 15 session days. The legislature shall implement this section by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, § 12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. AAA, approved Aug. 6, 1968, Eff. Sept. 21, 1968;—Am. H.J.R. E, approved Aug. 6, 2002, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002.

§13 Legislature; time of convening, sine die adjournment, measures carried over.

Sec. 13. The legislature shall meet at the seat of government on the second Wednesday in January of each year at twelve o'clock noon. Each regular session shall adjourn without day, on a day determined by concurrent resolution, at twelve o'clock noon. Any business, bill or joint resolution pending at the final adjournment of a regular session held in an odd numbered year shall carry over with the same status to the next regular session.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §13.

§14 Quorum; powers of less than quorum.

Sec. 14. A majority of the members elected to and serving in each house shall constitute a quorum to do business. A smaller number in each house may adjourn from day to day, and may compel the attendance of absent members in the manner and with penalties as each house may prescribe.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §14.

§15 Legislative council.

Sec. 15. There shall be a bi-partisan legislative council consisting of legislators appointed in the manner prescribed by law. The legislature shall appropriate funds for the council's operations and provide for its staff which shall maintain bill drafting, research and other services for the members of the legislature. The council shall periodically examine and recommend to the legislature revision of the various laws of the state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

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§16 Legislature; officers, rules of procedure, expulsion of members.

Sec. 16. Each house, except as otherwise provided in this constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine the rules of its proceedings, but shall not adopt any rule that will prevent a majority of the members elected thereto and serving therein from discharging a committee from the further consideration of any measure. Each house shall be the sole judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of its members, and may, with the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members elected thereto and serving therein, expel a member. The reasons for such expulsion shall be entered in the journal, with the votes and names of the members voting upon the question. No member shall be expelled a second time for the same cause.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §15.

§17 Committees; record of votes, public inspection, notice of hearings.

Sec. 17. Each house of the legislature may establish the committees necessary for the efficient conduct of its business and the legislature may create joint committees. On all actions on bills and resolutions in each committee, names and votes of members shall be recorded. Such vote shall be available for public inspection. Notice of all committee hearings and a clear statement of all subjects to be considered at each hearing shall be published in the journal in advance of the hearing.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §17, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§18 Journal of proceedings; record of votes, dissents.

Sec. 18. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and publish the same unless the public security otherwise requires. The record of the vote and name of the members of either house voting on any question shall be entered in the journal at the request of one-fifth of the members present. Any member of either house may dissent from and protest against any act, proceeding or resolution which he deems injurious to any person or the public, and have the reason for his dissent entered in the journal.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §18, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §16.

§19 Record of votes on elections and advice and consent.

Sec. 19. All elections in either house or in joint convention and all votes on appointments submitted to the senate for advice and consent shall be published by vote and name in the journal.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §17.

§20 Open meetings.

Sec. 20. The doors of each house shall be open unless the public security otherwise requires.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §20, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §18.

§21 Adjournments, limitations.

Sec. 21. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than two intervening calendar days, nor to any place other than where the legislature may then be in session.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §21, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §18.

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§22 Bills.

Sec. 22. All legislation shall be by bill and may originate in either house.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §22, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §19.

§23 Style of laws.

Sec. 23. The style of the laws shall be: The People of the State of Michigan enact.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §23, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §20.

§24 Laws; object, title, amendments changing purpose.

Sec. 24. No law shall embrace more than one object, which shall be expressed in its title. No bill shall be altered or amended on its passage through either house so as to change its original purpose as determined by its total content and not alone by its title.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §24, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §§21, 22.

§25 Revision and amendment of laws; title references, publication of entire sections.

Sec. 25. No law shall be revised, altered or amended by reference to its title only. The section or sections of the act altered or amended shall be re-enacted and published at length.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §25, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §21.

§26 Bills; printing, possession, reading, vote on passage.

Sec. 26. No bill shall be passed or become a law at any regular session of the legislature until it has been printed or reproduced and in the possession of each house for at least five days. Every bill shall be read three times in each house before the final passage thereof. No bill shall become a law without the concurrence of a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house. On the final passage of bills, the votes and names of the members voting thereon shall be entered in the journal.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §26, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

COMPILER'S NOTE: In Advisory Opinion on Constitutionality of 1978 PA 426, 403 Mich. 631, 272 N.W.2d 495 (1978), the Michigan supreme court held that the lieutenant governor may cast a tie-breaking vote during the final consideration of a bill when the senate is equally divided, and 1978 PA 426 was constitutionally enacted.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §§22, 23.

§27 Laws, effective date.

Sec. 27. No act shall take effect until the expiration of 90 days from the end of the session at which it was passed, but the legislature may give immediate effect to acts by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §27, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

CONSTITUTIONALITY: A law proposed by initiative petition which is enacted by the Legislature without change or amendment within forty days of its reception takes effect ninety days after the end of the session in which it was enacted unless two-thirds of the members of each house of the Legislature vote to give it immediate effect. *Frey v. Department of Management and Budget*, 429 Mich. 315, 414 N.W.2d 873 (1987).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §21.

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§28 Bills, subjects at special session.

Sec. 28. When the legislature is convened on extraordinary occasions in special session no bill shall be passed on any subjects other than those expressly stated in the governor's proclamation or submitted by special message.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §28, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §22.

§29 Local or special acts.

Sec. 29. The legislature shall pass no local or special act in any case where a general act can be made applicable, and whether a general act can be made applicable shall be a judicial question. No local or special act shall take effect until approved by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house and by a majority of the electors voting thereon in the district affected. Any act repealing local or special acts shall require only a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house and shall not require submission to the electors of such district.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §29, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §30.

§30 Appropriations; local or private purposes.

Sec. 30. The assent of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature shall be required for the appropriation of public money or property for local or private purposes.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §30, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §24.

§31 General appropriation bills; priority, statement of estimated revenue.

Sec. 31. The general appropriation bills for the succeeding fiscal period covering items set forth in the budget shall be passed or rejected in either house of the legislature before that house passes any appropriation bill for items not in the budget except bills supplementing appropriations for the current fiscal year's operation. Any bill requiring an appropriation to carry out its purpose shall be considered an appropriation bill. One of the general appropriation bills as passed by the legislature shall contain an itemized statement of estimated revenue by major source in each operating fund for the ensuing fiscal period, the total of which shall not be less than the total of all appropriations made from each fund in the general appropriation bills as passed.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §31, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§32 Laws imposing taxes.

Sec. 32. Every law which imposes, continues or revives a tax shall distinctly state the tax.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §32, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §6.

§33 Bills passed; approval by governor or veto, reconsideration by legislature.

Sec. 33. Every bill passed by the legislature shall be presented to the governor before it becomes law, and the governor shall have 14 days measured in hours and minutes from the time of presentation in which to consider it. If he approves, he shall within that time sign and file it with the secretary of state and it shall become law. If he does not approve, and the legislature has within that time

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finally adjourned the session at which the bill was passed, it shall not become law. If he disapproves, and the legislature continues the session at which the bill was passed, he shall return it within such 14-day period with his objections, to the house in which it originated. That house shall enter such objections in full in its journal and reconsider the bill. If two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in that house pass the bill notwithstanding the objections of the governor, it shall be sent with the objections to the other house for reconsideration. The bill shall become law if passed by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in that house. The vote of each house shall be entered in the journal with the votes and names of the members voting thereon. If any bill is not returned by the governor within such 14-day period, the legislature continuing in session, it shall become law as if he had signed it.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §33, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §36.

§34 Bills, referendum.

Sec. 34. Any bill passed by the legislature and approved by the governor, except a bill appropriating money, may provide that it will not become law unless approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §34, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §38.

§35 Publication and distribution of laws and judicial decisions.

Sec. 35. All laws enacted at any session of the legislature shall be published in book form within 60 days after final adjournment of the session, and shall be distributed in the manner provided by law. The prompt publication of judicial decisions shall be provided by law. All laws and judicial decisions shall be free for publication by any person.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §35, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §39.

§36 General revision of laws; compilation of laws.

Sec. 36. No general revision of the laws shall be made. The legislature may provide for a compilation of the laws in force, arranged without alteration, under appropriate heads and titles.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §36, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §40.

§37 Administrative rules, suspension by legislative committee.

Sec. 37. The legislature may by concurrent resolution empower a joint committee of the legislature, acting between sessions, to suspend any rule or regulation promulgated by an administrative agency subsequent to the adjournment of the last preceding regular legislative session. Such suspension shall continue no longer than the end of the next regular legislative session.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §37, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§38 Vacancies in office.

Sec. 38. The legislature may provide by law the cases in which any office shall be vacant and the manner of filling vacancies where no provision is made in this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §38, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §5.

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§39 Continuity of government in emergencies.

Sec. 39. In order to insure continuity of state and local governmental operations in periods of emergency only, resulting from disasters occurring in this state caused by enemy attack on the United States, the legislature may provide by law for prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of public offices, of whatever nature and whether filled by election or appointment, the incumbents of which may become unavailable for carrying on the powers and duties of such offices; and enact other laws necessary and proper for insuring the continuity of governmental operations. Notwithstanding the power conferred by this section, elections shall always be called as soon as possible to fill any vacancies in elective offices temporarily occupied by operation of any legislation enacted pursuant to the provisions of this section.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §39, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §5.

§40 Alcoholic beverages; age requirement; liquor control commission; excise tax; local option.

Sec. 40. A person shall not sell or give any alcoholic beverage to any person who has not reached the age of 21 years. A person who has not reached the age of 21 years shall not possess any alcoholic beverage for the purpose of personal consumption. An alcoholic beverage is any beverage containing one-half of one percent or more alcohol by volume.

Except as prohibited by this section, (t)he legislature may by law establish a liquor control commission which, subject to statutory limitations, shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof. The legislature may provide for an excise tax on such sales. Neither the legislature nor the commission may authorize the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages in any county in which a majority of the electors voting thereon shall prohibit the same.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §40, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §11.

§41 Lotteries.

Sec. 41. The legislature may authorize lotteries and permit the sale of lottery tickets in the manner provided by law. No law enacted after January 1, 2004, that authorizes any form of gambling shall be effective, nor after January 1, 2004, shall any new state lottery games utilizing table games or player operated mechanical or electronic devices be established, without the approval of a majority of electors voting in a statewide general election and a majority of electors voting in the township or city where gambling will take place. This section shall not apply to gambling in up to three casinos in the City of Detroit or to Indian tribal gaming.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §41, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. V, approved May 16, 1972, Eff. July 1, 1972;—Am. Init., approved Nov. 2, 2004, Eff. Dec. 18, 2004.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §33.

§42 Ports and port districts; incorporation, internal.

Sec. 42. The legislature may provide for the incorporation of ports and port districts, and confer power and authority upon them to engage in work of internal improvements in connection therewith.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §42, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §30.

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§43 Bank and trust company laws.

Sec. 43. No general law providing for the incorporation of trust companies or corporations for banking purposes, or regulating the business thereof, shall be enacted, amended or repealed except by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §43, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XII, §9.

§44 Trial by jury in civil cases.

Sec. 44. The legislature may authorize a trial by a jury of less than 12 jurors in civil cases.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §44, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §27.

§45 Indeterminate sentences.

Sec. 45. The legislature may provide for indeterminate sentences as punishment for crime and for the detention and release of persons imprisoned or detained under such sentences.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §45, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §28.

§46 Death penalty.

Sec. 46. No law shall be enacted providing for the penalty of death.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §46, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§47 Chaplains in state institutions.

Sec. 47. The legislature may authorize the employment of chaplains in state institutions of detention or confinement.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §47, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §26.

§48 Disputes concerning public employees.

Sec. 48. The legislature may enact laws providing for the resolution of disputes concerning public employees, except those in the state classified civil service.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §48, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §7.

§49 Hours and conditions of employment.

Sec. 49. The legislature may enact laws relative to the hours and conditions of employment.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §49, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §29.

§50 Atomic and new forms of energy.

Sec. 50. The legislature may provide safety measures and regulate the use of atomic energy and forms of energy developed in the future, having in view the general welfare of the people of this state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §50, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§51 Public health and general welfare.

Sec. 51. The public health and general welfare of the people of the state are hereby declared to be matters of primary public concern. The legislature shall pass suitable laws for the protection and promotion of the public health.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §51, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

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§52 Natural resources; conservation, pollution, impairment, destruction.

Sec. 52. The conservation and development of the natural resources of the state are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of the people. The legislature shall provide for the protection of the air, water and other natural resources of the state from pollution, impairment and destruction.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §52, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§53 Auditor general; appointment, qualifications, term, removal, post audits.

Sec. 53. The legislature by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, shall appoint an auditor general, who shall be a certified public accountant licensed to practice in this state, to serve for a term of eight years. He shall be ineligible for appointment or election to any other public office in this state from which compensation is derived while serving as auditor general and for two years following the termination of his service. He may be removed for cause at any time by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house. The auditor general shall conduct post audits of financial transactions and accounts of the state and of all branches, departments, offices, boards, commissions, agencies, authorities and institutions of the state established by this constitution or by law, and performance post audits thereof.

Independent investigations; reports.

The auditor general upon direction by the legislature may employ independent accounting firms or legal counsel and may make investigations pertinent to the conduct of audits. He shall report annually to the legislature and to the governor and at such other times as he deems necessary or as required by the legislature. He shall be assigned no duties other than those specified in this section.

Governing boards of institutions of higher education.

Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to infringe the responsibility and constitutional authority of the governing boards of the institutions of higher education to be solely responsible for the control and direction of all expenditures from the institutions' funds.

Staff members, civil service.

The auditor general, his deputy and one other member of his staff shall be exempt from classified civil service. All other members of his staff shall have classified civil service status.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IV, §53, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§54 Limitations on terms of office of state legislators.

Sec. 54. No person shall be elected to the office of state representative more than three times. No person shall be elected to the office of state senate more than two times. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the house of representatives or the state senate for a period greater than one half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will remain in full force and effect.

HISTORY: Add. Init. approved Nov. 3, 1992, Eff. Dec. 19, 1992.

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§1 Executive power.

Sec. 1. The executive power is vested in the governor.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §2.

§2 Principal departments.

Sec. 2. All executive and administrative offices, agencies and instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government and their respective functions, powers and duties, except for the office of governor and lieutenant governor and the governing bodies of institutions of higher education provided for in this constitution, shall be allocated by law among and within not more than 20 principal departments. They shall be grouped as far as practicable according to major purposes.

Organization of executive branch; assignment of functions; submission to legislature.

Subsequent to the initial allocation, the governor may make changes in the organization of the executive branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration. Where these changes require the force of law, they shall be set forth in executive orders and submitted to the legislature. Thereafter the legislature shall have 60 calendar days of a regular session, or a full regular session if of shorter duration, to disapprove each executive order. Unless disapproved in both houses by a resolution concurred in by a majority of the members elected to and serving in each house, each order shall become effective at a date thereafter to be designated by the governor.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§3 Single heads of departments; appointment, term.

Sec. 3. The head of each principal department shall be a single executive unless otherwise provided in this constitution or by law. The single executives heading principal departments shall include a secretary of state, a state treasurer and an attorney general. When a single executive is the head of a principal department, unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, he shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate and he shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Boards heading departments; appointment, term, removal.

When a board or commission is at the head of a principal department, unless elected or appointed as otherwise provided in this constitution, the members thereof shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The term of office and procedure for removal of such members shall be as prescribed in this constitution or by law.

Boards and commissions, maximum term.

Terms of office of any board or commission created or enlarged after the effective date of this constitution shall not exceed four years except as otherwise authorized in this constitution. The terms of office of existing boards and commissions which are longer than four years shall not be further extended except as provided in this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

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§4 Commissions or agencies for less than 2 years.

Sec. 4. Temporary commissions or agencies for special purposes with a life of no more than two years may be established by law and need not be allocated within a principal department.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§5 Examining or licensing board members, qualifications.

Sec. 5. A majority of the members of an appointed examining or licensing board of a profession shall be members of that profession.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§6 Advice and consent to appointments.

Sec. 6. Appointment by and with the advice and consent of the senate when used in this constitution or laws in effect or hereafter enacted means appointment subject to disapproval by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in the senate if such action is taken within 60 session days after the date of such appointment. Any appointment not disapproved within such period shall stand confirmed.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§7 Vacancies in office; filling, senatorial disapproval of appointees.

Sec. 7. Vacancies in any office, appointment to which requires advice and consent of the senate, shall be filled by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. A person whose appointment has been disapproved by the senate shall not be eligible for an interim appointment to the same office.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §10.

§8 Principal departments, supervision of governor; information from state officers.

Sec. 8. Each principal department shall be under the supervision of the governor unless otherwise provided by this constitution. The governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. He shall transact all necessary business with the officers of government and may require information in writing from all executive and administrative state officers, elective and appointive, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

Court enforcement of constitutional or legislative mandate.

The governor may initiate court proceedings in the name of the state to enforce compliance with any constitutional or legislative mandate, or to restrain violations of any constitutional or legislative power, duty or right by any officer, department or agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions. This authority shall not be construed to authorize court proceedings against the legislature.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §3.

§9 Principal departments, location.

Sec. 9. Single executives heading principal departments and the chief executive officers of principal departments headed by boards or commissions shall keep their offices at the seat of government except as otherwise provided by law, superintend them in person and perform duties prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §1.

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§10 Removal or suspension of officers; grounds, report.

Sec. 10. The governor shall have power and it shall be his duty to inquire into the condition and administration of any public office and the acts of any public officer, elective or appointive. He may remove or suspend from office for gross neglect of duty or for corrupt conduct in office, or for any other misfeasance or malfeasance therein, any elective or appointive state officer, except legislative or judicial, and shall report the reasons for such removal or suspension to the legislature.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. IX, §7.

§11 Provisional appointments to fill vacancies due to suspension.

Sec. 11. The governor may make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy occasioned by the suspension of an appointed or elected officer, other than a legislative or judicial officer, until he is reinstated or until the vacancy is filled in the manner prescribed by law or this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. IX, §5.

§12 Military powers.

Sec. 12. The governor shall be commander-in-chief of the armed forces and may call them out to execute the laws, suppress insurrection and repel invasion.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §4.

§13 Elections to fill vacancies in legislature.

Sec. 13. The governor shall issue writs of election to fill vacancies in the senate or house of representatives. Any such election shall be held in a manner prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §6.

§14 Reprieves, commutations and pardons.

Sec. 14. The governor shall have power to grant reprieves, commutations and pardons after convictions for all offenses, except cases of impeachment, upon such conditions and limitations as he may direct, subject to procedures and regulations prescribed by law. He shall inform the legislature annually of each reprieve, commutation and pardon granted, stating reasons therefor.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §9.

§15 Extra sessions of legislature.

Sec. 15. The governor may convene the legislature on extraordinary occasions.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §7.

§16 Legislature other than at seat of government.

Sec. 16. The governor may convene the legislature at some other place when the seat of government becomes dangerous from any cause.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §8.

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§17 Messages and recommendations to legislature.

Sec. 17. The governor shall communicate by message to the legislature at the beginning of each session and may at other times present to the legislature information as to the affairs of the state and recommend measures he considers necessary or desirable.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §17, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §5.

§18 Budget; general and deficiency appropriation bills.

Sec. 18. The governor shall submit to the legislature at a time fixed by law, a budget for the ensuing fiscal period setting forth in detail, for all operating funds, the proposed expenditures and estimated revenue of the state. Proposed expenditures from any fund shall not exceed the estimated revenue thereof. On the same date, the governor shall submit to the legislature general appropriation bills to embody the proposed expenditures and any necessary bill or bills to provide new or additional revenues to meet proposed expenditures. The amount of any surplus created or deficit incurred in any fund during the last preceding fiscal period shall be entered as an item in the budget and in one of the appropriation bills. The governor may submit amendments to appropriation bills to be offered in either house during consideration of the bill by that house, and shall submit bills to meet deficiencies in current appropriations.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §18, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§19 Disapproval of items in appropriation bills.

Sec. 19. The governor may disapprove any distinct item or items appropriating moneys in any appropriation bill. The part or parts approved shall become law, and the item or items disapproved shall be void unless re-passed according to the method prescribed for the passage of other bills over the executive veto.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. V, §37.

§20 Reductions in expenditures.

Sec. 20. No appropriation shall be a mandate to spend. The governor, with the approval of the appropriating committees of the house and senate, shall reduce expenditures authorized by appropriations whenever it appears that actual revenues for a fiscal period will fall below the revenue estimates on which appropriations for that period were based. Reductions in expenditures shall be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by law. The governor may not reduce expenditures of the legislative and judicial branches or from funds constitutionally dedicated for specific purposes.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §20, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§21 State elective executive officers; term, election.

Sec. 21. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be elected for four-year terms at the general election in each alternate even-numbered year.

Lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general, nomination.

The lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall be nominated by party conventions in a manner prescribed by law. In the general election one vote shall be cast jointly for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor nominated by the same party.

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Secretary of state and attorney general, vacancies in office.

Vacancies in the office of the secretary of state and attorney general shall be filled by appointment by the governor.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §21, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §1.

§22 Governor and lieutenant governor, qualifications.

Sec. 22. To be eligible for the office of governor or lieutenant governor a person must have attained the age of 30 years, and have been a registered elector in this state for four years next preceding his election.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §22, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §13.

§23 State elective executive officers, compensation.

Sec. 23. The governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state and attorney general shall each receive the compensation provided by law in full payment for all services performed and expenses incurred during his term of office. Such compensation shall not be changed during the term of office except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §23, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §21.

§24 Executive residence.

Sec. 24. An executive residence suitably furnished shall be provided at the seat of government for the use of the governor. He shall receive an allowance for its maintenance as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §24, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§25 Lieutenant governor; president of senate, tie vote, duties.

Sec. 25. The lieutenant governor shall be president of the senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided. He may perform duties requested of him by the governor, but no power vested in the governor shall be delegated.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §25, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

COMPILER'S NOTE: In Advisory Opinion on Constitutionality of 1978 PA 426, 403 Mich. 631, 272 N.W.2d 495 (1978), the Michigan supreme court held that the lieutenant governor may cast a tie-breaking vote during the final consideration of a bill when the senate is equally divided, and 1978 PA 426 was constitutionally enacted.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §19.

§26 Succession to governorship.

Sec. 26. In case of the conviction of the governor on impeachment, his removal from office, his resignation or his death, the lieutenant governor, the elected secretary of state, the elected attorney general and such other persons designated by law shall in that order be governor for the remainder of the governor's term.

Death of governor-elect.

In case of the death of the governor-elect, the lieutenant governor-elect, the secretary of state-elect, the attorney general-elect and such other persons designated by law shall become governor in that order at the commencement of the governor-elect's term.

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Duration of successor's term as governor.

If the governor or the person in line of succession to serve as governor is absent from the state, or suffering under an inability, the powers and duties of the office of the governor shall devolve in order of precedence until the absence or inability giving rise to the devolution of powers ceases.

Determination of inability.

The inability of the governor or person acting as governor shall be determined by a majority of the supreme court on joint request of the president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives. Such determination shall be final and conclusive. The supreme court shall upon its own initiative determine if and when the inability ceases.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §26, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §§16, 17.

§27 Salary of successor.

Sec. 27. The legislature shall provide that the salary of any state officer while acting as governor shall be equal to that of the governor.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §27, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §18.

§28 State transportation commission; establishment; purpose; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; director of state transportation department.

Sec. 28. There is hereby established a state transportation commission, which shall establish policy for the state transportation department transportation programs and facilities, and such other public works of the state, as provided by law.

The state transportation commission shall consist of six members, not more than three of whom shall be members of the same political party. They shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate for three-year terms, no three of which shall expire in the same year, as provided by law.

The director of the state transportation department shall be appointed as provided by law and shall be the principal executive officer of the state transportation department and shall be responsible for executing the policy of the state transportation commission.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §28, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. F, approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§29 Civil rights commission; members, term, duties, appropriation.

Sec. 29. There is hereby established a civil rights commission which shall consist of eight persons, not more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, for four-year terms not more than two of which shall expire in the same year. It shall be the duty of the commission in a manner which may be prescribed by law to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin in the enjoyment of the civil rights guaranteed by law and by this constitution, and to secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination. The legislature shall provide an annual appropriation for the effective operation of the commission.

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Rules and regulations; hearings, orders.

The commission shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of this constitution and of general laws governing administrative agencies, to promulgate rules and regulations for its own procedures, to hold hearings, administer oaths, through court authorization to require the attendance of witnesses and the submission of records, to take testimony, and to issue appropriate orders. The commission shall have other powers provided by law to carry out its purposes. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the right of any party to direct and immediate legal or equitable remedies in the courts of this state.

Appeals.

Appeals from final orders of the commission, including cease and desist orders and refusals to issue complaints, shall be tried de novo before the circuit court having jurisdiction provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. V, §29, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: R 37.1 et seq. and R 37.101 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

§30 Limitations on terms of executive officers.

Sec. 30. No person shall be elected more than two times to each office of the executive branch of government: governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state or attorney general. Any person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy in the office of governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state or attorney general for a period greater than one half of a term of such office, shall be considered to have been elected to serve one time in that office for purposes of this section. This limitation on the number of times a person shall be elected to office shall apply to terms of office beginning on or after January 1, 1993.

This section shall be self-executing. Legislation may be enacted to facilitate operation of this section, but no law shall limit or restrict the application of this section. If any part of this section is held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining parts of this section shall not be affected but will remain in full force and effect.

HISTORY: Add. Init. approved Nov. 3, 1992, Eff. Dec. 19, 1992.

ARTICLE VI **Judicial Branch**

§1 Judicial power in court of justice; divisions.

Sec. 1. The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §1.

§2 Justices of the supreme court; number, term, nomination, election.

Sec. 2. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices elected at non-partisan elections as provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time. Nominations for justices of the supreme court shall be in the manner prescribed by law. Any incumbent justice whose term is to expire may become a candidate for re-election by filing an affidavit of candidacy, in the form and manner prescribed by law, not less than 180 days prior to the expiration of his term.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §2.

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§3 Chief justice; court administrator; other assistants.

Sec. 3. One justice of the supreme court shall be selected by the court as its chief justice as provided by rules of the court. He shall perform duties required by the court. The supreme court shall appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state. The administrator shall perform administrative duties assigned by the court.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§4 General superintending control over courts; writs; appellate jurisdiction.

Sec. 4. The supreme court shall have general superintending control over all courts; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; and appellate jurisdiction as provided by rules of the supreme court. The supreme court shall not have the power to remove a judge.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §4.

§5 Court rules; distinctions between law and equity; master in chancery.

Sec. 5. The supreme court shall by general rules establish, modify, amend and simplify the practice and procedure in all courts of this state. The distinctions between law and equity proceedings shall, as far as practicable, be abolished. The office of master in chancery is prohibited.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

CONSTITUTIONALITY: The State of Michigan, through the combined actions of the Supreme Court, the Legislature, and the State Bar, may compulsorily exact dues, and require association of attorneys, to support only those duties and functions of the State Bar which serve a compelling state interest and which cannot be accomplished by means less intrusive upon the First Amendment rights of objecting attorneys. *Falk v. State Bar*, 418 Mich. 270, 342 N.W.2d 504 (1983).

The regulation of the practice of law, the maintenance of high standards in the legal profession, and the discharge of the profession's duty to protect and inform the public are purposes in which the State of Michigan has a compelling interest justifying unavoidable intrusions on the First Amendment rights of attorneys; on the other hand, political and legislative activities are impermissible intrusions, as are activities designed to further commercial and economic interests of the members of the bar. *Falk v. State Bar*, 418 Mich. 270, 342 N.W.2d 504 (1983).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §5.

§6 Decisions and dissents; writing, contents.

Sec. 6. Decisions of the supreme court, including all decisions on prerogative writs, shall be in writing and shall contain a concise statement of the facts and reasons for each decision and reasons for each denial of leave to appeal. When a judge dissents in whole or in part he shall give in writing the reasons for his dissent.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §7.

§7 Staff; budget; salaries of justices; fees.

Sec. 7. The supreme court may appoint, may remove, and shall have general supervision of its staff. It shall have control of the preparation of its budget recommendations and the expenditure of moneys appropriated for any purpose pertaining to the operation of the court or the performance of

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activities of its staff except that the salaries of the justices shall be established by law. All fees and perquisites collected by the court staff shall be turned over to the state treasury and credited to the general fund.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §6.

§8 Court of appeals; election of judges, divisions.

Sec. 8. The court of appeals shall consist initially of nine judges who shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections from districts drawn on county lines and as nearly as possible of equal population, as provided by law. The supreme court may prescribe by rule that the court of appeals sit in divisions and for the terms of court and the times and places thereof. Each such division shall consist of not fewer than three judges. The number of judges comprising the court of appeals may be increased, and the districts from which they are elected may be changed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§9 Judges of court of appeals, terms.

Sec. 9. Judges of the court of appeals shall hold office for a term of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office for the judges in each district shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§10 Jurisdiction, practice and procedure of court of appeals.

Sec. 10. The jurisdiction of the court of appeals shall be provided by law and the practice and procedure therein shall be prescribed by rules of the supreme court.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§11 Circuit courts; judicial circuits, sessions, number of judges.

Sec. 11. The state shall be divided into judicial circuits along county lines in each of which there shall be elected one or more circuit judges as provided by law. Sessions of the circuit court shall be held at least four times in each year in every county organized for judicial purposes. Each circuit judge shall hold court in the county or counties within the circuit in which he is elected, and in other circuits as may be provided by rules of the supreme court. The number of judges may be changed and circuits may be created, altered and discontinued by law and the number of judges shall be changed and circuits shall be created, altered and discontinued on recommendation of the supreme court to reflect changes in judicial activity. No change in the number of judges or alteration or discontinuance of a circuit shall have the effect of removing a judge from office during his term.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §8.

§12 Circuit judges; nomination, election, term.

Sec. 12. Circuit judges shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections in the circuit in which they reside, and shall hold office for a term of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In circuits having more than one circuit judge their terms of office shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §9.

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§13 Circuit courts; jurisdiction, writs, supervisory control over inferior courts.

Sec. 13. The circuit court shall have original jurisdiction in all matters not prohibited by law; appellate jurisdiction from all inferior courts and tribunals except as otherwise provided by law; power to issue, hear and determine prerogative and remedial writs; supervisory and general control over inferior courts and tribunals within their respective jurisdictions in accordance with rules of the supreme court; and jurisdiction of other cases and matters as provided by rules of the supreme court.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §10.

§14 County clerks; duties, vacancies; prosecuting attorneys, vacancies.

Sec. 14. The clerk of each county organized for judicial purposes or other officer performing the duties of such office as provided in a county charter shall be clerk of the circuit court for such county. The judges of the circuit court may fill a vacancy in an elective office of county clerk or prosecuting attorney within their respective jurisdictions.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §11.

§15 Probate courts; districts, jurisdiction.

Sec. 15. In each county organized for judicial purposes there shall be a probate court. The legislature may create or alter probate court districts of more than one county if approved in each affected county by a majority of the electors voting on the question. The legislature may provide for the combination of the office of probate judge with any judicial office of limited jurisdiction within a county with supplemental salary as provided by law. The jurisdiction, powers and duties of the probate court and of the judges thereof shall be provided by law. They shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of juvenile delinquents and dependents, except as otherwise provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §13.

§16 Probate judges; nomination, election, terms.

Sec. 16. One or more judges of probate as provided by law shall be nominated and elected at non-partisan elections in the counties or the probate districts in which they reside and shall hold office for terms of six years and until their successors are elected and qualified. In counties or districts with more than one judge the terms of office shall be arranged by law to provide that not all terms will expire at the same time.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §14.

§17 Judicial salaries and fees.

Sec. 17. No judge or justice of any court of this state shall be paid from the fees of his office nor shall the amount of his salary be measured by fees, other moneys received or the amount of judicial activity of his office.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §17, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§18 Salaries; uniformity, changes during term.

Sec. 18. Salaries of justices of the supreme court, of the judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit judges within a circuit, and of the probate judges within a county or district, shall be uniform, and may be increased but shall not be decreased during a term of office except and only to the extent of a general salary reduction in all other branches of government.

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Circuit judges, additional salary from county.

Each of the judges of the circuit court shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. In addition to the salary received from the state, each circuit judge may receive from any county in which he regularly holds court an additional salary as determined from time to time by the board of supervisors of the county. In any county where an additional salary is granted, it shall be paid at the same rate to all circuit judges regularly holding court therein.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §18, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §12; Art. XVI, §3.

§19 Courts of record; seal, qualifications of judges.

Sec. 19. (1) The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, the probate court and other courts designated as such by the legislature shall be courts of record and each shall have a common seal. Justices and judges of courts of record must be persons who are licensed to practice law in this state.

(2) To be qualified to serve as a judge of a trial court, a judge of the court of appeals, or a justice of the supreme court, a person shall have been admitted to the practice of law for at least 5 years. This subsection shall not apply to any judge or justice appointed or elected to judicial office prior to the date on which this subsection becomes part of the constitution.

(3) No person shall be elected or appointed to a judicial office after reaching the age of 70 years.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. D, approved Nov. 5, 1996, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §17.

§20 Removal of domicile of judge.

Sec. 20. Whenever a justice or judge removes his domicile beyond the limits of the territory from which he was elected or appointed, he shall have vacated his office.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §20, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. F, approved Aug. 6, 1968, Eff. Sept. 21, 1968.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §19.

§21 Ineligibility for other office.

Sec. 21. Any justice or judge of a court of record shall be ineligible to be nominated for or elected to an elective office other than a judicial office during the period of his service and for one year thereafter.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §21, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §9.

§22 Incumbent judges, affidavit of candidacy.

Sec. 22. Any judge of the court of appeals, circuit court or probate court may become a candidate in the primary election for the office of which he is the incumbent by filing an affidavit of candidacy in the form and manner prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §22, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. F, approved Aug. 6, 1968, Eff. Sept. 21, 1968.

§23 Judicial vacancies, filling; appointee, term; successor; new offices.

Sec. 23. A vacancy shall occur in the office of judge of any court of record or in the district court by death, removal, resignation or vacating of the office, and such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the governor. The person appointed by the governor shall hold office until 12 noon of the

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first day of January next succeeding the first general election held after the vacancy occurs, at which election a successor shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term. Whenever a new office of judge in a court of record, or the district court, is created by law, it shall be filled by election as provided by law. The supreme court may authorize persons who have been elected and served as judges to perform judicial duties for limited periods or specific assignments.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §23, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. F, approved Aug. 6, 1968, Eff. Sept. 21, 1968.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §20.

§24 Incumbent judges, ballot designation.

Sec. 24. There shall be printed upon the ballot under the name of each incumbent justice or judge who is a candidate for nomination or election to the same office the designation of that office.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §24, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. F, approved Aug. 6, 1968, Eff. Sept. 21, 1968.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §23.

§25 Removal of judges from office.

Sec. 25. For reasonable cause, which is not sufficient ground for impeachment, the governor shall remove any judge on a concurrent resolution of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house of the legislature. The cause for removal shall be stated at length in the resolution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §25, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. IX, §6.

§26 Circuit court commissioners and justices of the peace, abolition; courts of limited jurisdiction.

Sec. 26. The offices of circuit court commissioner and justice of the peace are abolished at the expiration of five years from the date this constitution becomes effective or may within this period be abolished by law. Their jurisdiction, compensation and powers within this period shall be as provided by law. Within this five-year period, the legislature shall establish a court or courts of limited jurisdiction with powers and jurisdiction defined by law. The location of such court or courts, and the qualifications, tenure, method of election and salary of the judges of such court or courts, and by what governmental units the judges shall be paid, shall be provided by law, subject to the limitations contained in this article.

Present statutory courts.

Statutory courts in existence at the time this constitution becomes effective shall retain their powers and jurisdiction, except as provided by law, until they are abolished by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §26, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§27 Power of appointment to public office.

Sec. 27. The supreme court, the court of appeals, the circuit court, or any justices or judges thereof, shall not exercise any power of appointment to public office except as provided in this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §27, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §11.

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§28 Administrative action, review.

Sec. 28. All final decisions, findings, rulings and orders of any administrative officer or agency existing under the constitution or by law, which are judicial or quasi-judicial and affect private rights or licenses, shall be subject to direct review by the courts as provided by law. This review shall include, as a minimum, the determination whether such final decisions, findings, rulings and orders are authorized by law; and, in cases in which a hearing is required, whether the same are supported by competent, material and substantial evidence on the whole record. Findings of fact in workmen's compensation proceedings shall be conclusive in the absence of fraud unless otherwise provided by law.

Property tax valuation or allocation; review.

In the absence of fraud, error of law or the adoption of wrong principles, no appeal may be taken to any court from any final agency provided for the administration of property tax laws from any decision relating to valuation or allocation.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §28, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§29 Conservators of the peace.

Sec. 29. Justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals, circuit judges and other judges as provided by law shall be conservators of the peace within their respective jurisdictions.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VI, §29, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VII, §18.

§30 Judicial tenure commission; selection; terms; duties; power of supreme court.

Sec. 30. (1) A judicial tenure commission is established consisting of nine persons selected for three-year terms as follows: Four members shall be judges elected by the judges of the courts in which they serve; one shall be a court of appeals judge, one a circuit judge, one a probate judge and one a judge of a court of limited jurisdiction. Three shall be members of the state bar who shall be elected by the members of the state bar of whom one shall be a judge and two shall not be judges. Two shall be appointed by the governor; the members appointed by the governor shall not be judges, retired judges or members of the state bar. Terms shall be staggered as provided by rule of the supreme court. Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing power.

(2) On recommendation of the judicial tenure commission, the supreme court may censure, suspend with or without salary, retire or remove a judge for conviction of a felony, physical or mental disability which prevents the performance of judicial duties, misconduct in office, persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance or conduct that is clearly prejudicial to the administration of justice. The supreme court shall make rules implementing this section and providing for confidentiality and privilege of proceedings.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. PP, approved Aug. 6, 1968, Eff. Sept. 21, 1968.

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Local Government

§1 Counties; corporate character, powers and immunities.

Sec. 1. Each organized county shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §1.

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§2 County charters.

Sec. 2. Any county may frame, adopt, amend or repeal a county charter in a manner and with powers and limitations to be provided by general law, which shall among other things provide for the election of a charter commission. The law may permit the organization of county government in form different from that set forth in this constitution and shall limit the rate of ad valorem property taxation for county purposes, and restrict the powers of charter counties to borrow money and contract debts. Each charter county is hereby granted power to levy other taxes for county purposes subject to limitations and prohibitions set forth in this constitution or law. Subject to law, a county charter may authorize the county through its regularly constituted authority to adopt resolutions and ordinances relating to its concerns.

Election of charter commissions.

The board of supervisors by a majority vote of its members may, and upon petition of five percent of the electors shall, place upon the ballot the question of electing a commission to frame a charter.

Approval of electors.

No county charter shall be adopted, amended or repealed until approved by a majority of electors voting on the question.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§3 Reduction of size of county.

Sec. 3. No organized county shall be reduced by the organization of new counties to less than 16 townships as surveyed by the United States, unless approved in the manner prescribed by law by a majority of electors voting thereon in each county to be affected.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §2.

§4 County officers; terms, combination.

Sec. 4. There shall be elected for four-year terms in each organized county a sheriff, a county clerk, a county treasurer, a register of deeds and a prosecuting attorney, whose duties and powers shall be provided by law. The board of supervisors in any county may combine the offices of county clerk and register of deeds in one office or separate the same at pleasure.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §3.

§5 Offices at county seat.

Sec. 5. The sheriff, county clerk, county treasurer and register of deeds shall hold their principal offices at the county seat.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §4.

§6 Sheriffs; security, responsibility for acts, ineligibility for other office.

Sec. 6. The sheriff may be required by law to renew his security periodically and in default of giving such security, his office shall be vacant. The county shall never be responsible for his acts,

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except that the board of supervisors may protect him against claims by prisoners for unintentional injuries received while in his custody. He shall not hold any other office except in civil defense.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §5.

§7 Boards of supervisors; members.

Sec. 7. A board of supervisors shall be established in each organized county consisting of one member from each organized township and such representation from cities as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

CONSTITUTIONALITY: Section held invalid under federal constitution. Advisory Opinion re Constitutionality of P.A. 1966, No. 261, 380 Mich. 736, 158 N.W. 2d 497 (1968); In re Apportionment of Ontonagon County Board of Supervisors, 11 Mich. App. 348, 157 N.W. 2d 698 (1967).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §7.

§8 Legislative, administrative, and other powers and duties of boards.

Sec. 8. Boards of supervisors shall have legislative, administrative and such other powers and duties as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §8.

§9 Compensation of county officers.

Sec. 9. Boards of supervisors shall have exclusive power to fix the compensation of county officers not otherwise provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §9.

§10 Removal of county seat.

Sec. 10. A county seat once established shall not be removed until the place to which it is proposed to be moved shall be designated by two-thirds of the members of the board of supervisors and a majority of the electors voting thereon shall have approved the proposed location in the manner prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §13.

§11 Indebtedness, limitation.

Sec. 11. No county shall incur any indebtedness which shall increase its total debt beyond 10 percent of its assessed valuation.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §12.

§12 Navigable streams, permission to bridge or dam.

Sec. 12. A navigable stream shall not be bridged or dammed without permission granted by the board of supervisors of the county as provided by law, which permission shall be subject to such reasonable compensation and other conditions as may seem best suited to safeguard the rights and interests of the county and political subdivisions therein.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §14.

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§13 Consolidation of counties, approval by electors.

Sec. 13. Two or more contiguous counties may combine into a single county if approved in each affected county by a majority of the electors voting on the question.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§14 Organization and consolidation of townships.

Sec. 14. The board of supervisors of each organized county may organize and consolidate townships under restrictions and limitations provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §15.

§15 County intervention in public utility service and rate proceedings.

Sec. 15. Any county, when authorized by its board of supervisors shall have the authority to enter or to intervene in any action or certificate proceeding involving the services, charges or rates of any privately owned public utility furnishing services or commodities to rate payers within the county.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§16 Highways, bridges, culverts, airports; road tax limitation.

Sec. 16. The legislature may provide for the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges, culverts and airports by the state and by the counties and townships thereof; and may authorize counties to take charge and control of any highway within their limits for such purposes. The legislature may provide the powers and duties of counties in relation to highways, bridges, culverts and airports; may provide for county road commissioners to be appointed or elected, with powers and duties provided by law. The ad valorem property tax imposed for road purposes by any county shall not exceed in any year one-half of one percent of the assessed valuation for the preceding year.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §26.

§17 Townships; corporate character, powers and immunities.

Sec. 17. Each organized township shall be a body corporate with powers and immunities provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §17, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §16.

§18 Township officers; term, powers and duties.

Sec. 18. In each organized township there shall be elected for terms of not less than two nor more than four years as prescribed by law a supervisor, a clerk, a treasurer, and not to exceed four trustees, whose legislative and administrative powers and duties shall be provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §18, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §18.

§19 Township public utility franchises.

Sec. 19. No organized township shall grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the township, unless the proposition shall first have been approved by a majority of the electors of such township voting thereon at a regular or special election.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §19.

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§20 Townships, dissolution; villages as cities.

Sec. 20. The legislature shall provide by law for the dissolution of township government whenever all the territory of an organized township is included within the boundaries of a village or villages notwithstanding that a village may include territory within another organized township and provide by law for the classification of such village or villages as cities.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §20, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§21 Cities and villages; incorporation, taxes, indebtedness.

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by general laws for the incorporation of cities and villages. Such laws shall limit their rate of ad valorem property taxation for municipal purposes, and restrict the powers of cities and villages to borrow money and contract debts. Each city and village is granted power to levy other taxes for public purposes, subject to limitations and prohibitions provided by this constitution or by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §21, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §20.

§22 Charters, resolutions, ordinances; enumeration of powers.

Sec. 22. Under general laws the electors of each city and village shall have the power and authority to frame, adopt and amend its charter, and to amend an existing charter of the city or village heretofore granted or enacted by the legislature for the government of the city or village. Each such city and village shall have power to adopt resolutions and ordinances relating to its municipal concerns, property and government, subject to the constitution and law. No enumeration of powers granted to cities and villages in this constitution shall limit or restrict the general grant of authority conferred by this section.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §22, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §21.

§23 Parks, boulevards, cemeteries, hospitals.

Sec. 23. Any city or village may acquire, own, establish and maintain, within or without its corporate limits, parks, boulevards, cemeteries, hospitals and all works which involve the public health or safety.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §23, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §22.

§24 Public service facilities.

Sec. 24. Subject to this constitution, any city or village may acquire, own or operate, within or without its corporate limits, public service facilities for supplying water, light, heat, power, sewage disposal and transportation to the municipality and the inhabitants thereof.

Services outside corporate limits.

Any city or village may sell and deliver heat, power or light without its corporate limits in an amount not exceeding 25 percent of that furnished by it within the corporate limits, except as greater amounts may be permitted by law; may sell and deliver water and provide sewage disposal services outside of its corporate limits in such amount as may be determined by the legislative body of the city or village; and may operate transportation lines outside the municipality within such limits as may be prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §24, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §23.

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§25 Public utilities; acquisition, franchises, sale.

Sec. 25. No city or village shall acquire any public utility furnishing light, heat or power, or grant any public utility franchise which is not subject to revocation at the will of the city or village, unless the proposition shall first have been approved by three-fifths of the electors voting thereon. No city or village may sell any public utility unless the proposition shall first have been approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, or a greater number if the charter shall so provide.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §25, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §25.

§26 Cities and villages, loan of credit.

Sec. 26. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, no city or village shall have the power to loan its credit for any private purpose or, except as provided by law, for any public purpose.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §26, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§27 Metropolitan governments and authorities.

Sec. 27. Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution the legislature may establish in metropolitan areas additional forms of government or authorities with powers, duties and jurisdictions as the legislature shall provide. Wherever possible, such additional forms of government or authorities shall be designed to perform multipurpose functions rather than a single function.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §27, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §31.

§28 Governmental functions and powers; joint administration, costs and credits, transfers.

Sec. 28. The legislature by general law shall authorize two or more counties, townships, cities, villages or districts, or any combination thereof among other things to: enter into contractual undertakings or agreements with one another or with the state or with any combination thereof for the joint administration of any of the functions or powers which each would have the power to perform separately; share the costs and responsibilities of functions and services with one another or with the state or with any combination thereof which each would have the power to perform separately; transfer functions or responsibilities to one another or any combination thereof upon the consent of each unit involved; cooperate with one another and with state government; lend their credit to one another or any combination thereof as provided by law in connection with any authorized publicly owned undertaking.

Officers, eligibility.

Any other provision of this constitution notwithstanding, an officer or employee of the state or any such unit of government or subdivision or agency thereof, except members of the legislature, may serve on or with any governmental body established for the purposes set forth in this section and shall not be required to relinquish his office or employment by reason of such service.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §28, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§29 Highways, streets, alleys, public places; control, use by public utilities.

Sec. 29. No person, partnership, association or corporation, public or private, operating a public utility shall have the right to the use of the highways, streets, alleys or other public places of any county, township, city or village for wires, poles, pipes, tracks, conduits or other utility facilities,

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without the consent of the duly constituted authority of the county, township, city or village; or to transact local business therein without first obtaining a franchise from the township, city or village. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution the right of all counties, townships, cities and villages to the reasonable control of their highways, streets, alleys and public places is hereby reserved to such local units of government.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §29, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §28.

§30 Franchises and licenses, duration.

Sec. 30. No franchise or license shall be granted by any township, city or village for a period longer than 30 years.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §30, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §29.

§31 Vacation or alteration of roads, streets, alleys, public places.

Sec. 31. The legislature shall not vacate or alter any road, street, alley or public place under the jurisdiction of any county, township, city or village.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §31, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VIII, §27.

§32 Budgets, public hearing.

Sec. 32. Any county, township, city, village, authority or school district empowered by the legislature or by this constitution to prepare budgets of estimated expenditures and revenues shall adopt such budgets only after a public hearing in a manner prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §32, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§33 Removal of elected officers.

Sec. 33. Any elected officer of a political subdivision may be removed from office in the manner and for the causes provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §33, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. IX, §8.

§34 Construction of constitution and law concerning counties, townships, cities, villages.

Sec. 34. The provisions of this constitution and law concerning counties, townships, cities and villages shall be liberally construed in their favor. Powers granted to counties and townships by this constitution and by law shall include those fairly implied and not prohibited by this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VII, §34, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

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Education

§1 Encouragement of education.

Sec. 1. Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §1.

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§2 Free public elementary and secondary schools; discrimination.

Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law. Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or national origin.

Nonpublic schools, prohibited aid.

No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or any public credit utilized, by the legislature or any other political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic, pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school. No payment, credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition voucher, subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property shall be provided, directly or indirectly, to support the attendance of any student or the employment of any person at any such nonpublic school or at any location or institution where instruction is offered in whole or in part to such nonpublic school students. The legislature may provide for the transportation of students to and from any school.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. Init., approved Nov. 3, 1970, Eff. Dec. 19, 1970.

CONSTITUTIONALITY: That portion of second sentence of second paragraph of this section, prohibiting use of public money to support attendance of any student or employment of any person at any location or institution where instruction is offered in whole or in part to nonpublic students, was held unconstitutional, void, and unenforceable because it contravened free exercise of religion guaranteed by the United States Constitution and was violative of equal protection of laws provisions of United States Constitution. *Traverse City School District v. Attorney General*, 384 Mich. 390, 185 N.W. 2d 9 (1971).

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §9.

§3 State board of education; duties.

Sec. 3. Leadership and general supervision over all public education, including adult education and instructional programs in state institutions, except as to institutions of higher education granting baccalaureate degrees, is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education, including higher education, and shall advise the legislature as to the financial requirements in connection therewith.

Superintendent of public instruction; appointment, powers, duties.

The state board of education shall appoint a superintendent of public instruction whose term of office shall be determined by the board. He shall be the chairman of the board without the right to vote, and shall be responsible for the execution of its policies. He shall be the principal executive officer of a state department of education which shall have powers and duties provided by law.

State board of education; members, nomination, election, term.

The state board of education shall consist of eight members who shall be nominated by party conventions and elected at large for terms of eight years as prescribed by law. The governor shall fill any vacancy by appointment for the unexpired term. The governor shall be ex-officio a member of the state board of education without the right to vote.

Boards of institutions of higher education, limitation.

The power of the boards of institutions of higher education provided in this constitution to supervise their respective institutions and control and direct the expenditure of the institutions' funds shall not be limited by this section.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §§2, 6.

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§4 Higher education institutions; appropriations, accounting, public sessions of boards.

Sec. 4. The legislature shall appropriate moneys to maintain the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan College of Science and Technology, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Ferris Institute, Grand Valley State College, by whatever names such institutions may hereafter be known, and other institutions of higher education established by law. The legislature shall be given an annual accounting of all income and expenditures by each of these educational institutions. Formal sessions of governing boards of such institutions shall be open to the public.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §10.

§5 University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University; controlling boards.

Sec. 5. The regents of the University of Michigan and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Regents of the University of Michigan; the trustees of Michigan State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University; the governors of Wayne State University and their successors in office shall constitute a body corporate known as the Board of Governors of Wayne State University. Each board shall have general supervision of its institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. Each board shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under its supervision. He shall be the principal executive officer of the institution, be ex-officio a member of the board without the right to vote and preside at meetings of the board. The board of each institution shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of eight years and who shall be elected as provided by law. The governor shall fill board vacancies by appointment. Each appointee shall hold office until a successor has been nominated and elected as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §§3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 16.

§6 Other institutions of higher education, controlling boards.

Sec. 6. Other institutions of higher education established by law having authority to grant baccalaureate degrees shall each be governed by a board of control which shall be a body corporate. The board shall have general supervision of the institution and the control and direction of all expenditures from the institution's funds. It shall, as often as necessary, elect a president of the institution under its supervision. He shall be the principal executive officer of the institution and be ex-officio a member of the board without the right to vote. The board may elect one of its members or may designate the president, to preside at board meetings. Each board of control shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§7 Community and junior colleges; state board, members, terms, vacancies.

Sec. 7. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and financial support of public community and junior colleges which shall be supervised and controlled by locally elected boards.

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The legislature shall provide by law for a state board for public community and junior colleges which shall advise the state board of education concerning general supervision and planning for such colleges and requests for annual appropriations for their support. The board shall consist of eight members who shall hold office for terms of eight years, not more than two of which shall expire in the same year, and who shall be appointed by the state board of education. Vacancies shall be filled in like manner. The superintendent of public instruction shall be ex-officio a member of this board without the right to vote.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§8 Services for disabled persons.

Sec. 8. Institutions, programs, and services for the care, treatment, education, or rehabilitation of those inhabitants who are physically, mentally, or otherwise seriously disabled shall always be fostered and supported.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. I, approved Nov. 3, 1998, Eff. Dec. 19, 1998.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §15.

§9 Public libraries, fines.

Sec. 9. The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment and support of public libraries which shall be available to all residents of the state under regulations adopted by the governing bodies thereof. All fines assessed and collected in the several counties, townships and cities for any breach of the penal laws shall be exclusively applied to the support of such public libraries, and county law libraries as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. VIII, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XI, §14.

ARTICLE IX Finance and Taxation

§1 Taxes for state expenses.

Sec. 1. The legislature shall impose taxes sufficient with other resources to pay the expenses of state government.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §2.

§2 Power of taxation, relinquishment.

Sec. 2. The power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §9.

§3 Property taxation; uniformity; assessments; limitations; classes; approval of legislature.

Sec. 3. The legislature shall provide for the uniform general ad valorem taxation of real and tangible personal property not exempt by law except for taxes levied for school operating purposes. The legislature shall provide for the determination of true cash value of such property; the proportion of true cash value at which such property shall be uniformly assessed, which shall not, after

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January 1, 1966, exceed 50 percent; and for a system of equalization of assessments. For taxes levied in 1995 and each year thereafter, the legislature shall provide that the taxable value of each parcel of property adjusted for additions and losses, shall not increase each year by more than the increase in the immediately preceding year in the general price level, as defined in section 33 of this article, or 5 percent, whichever is less until ownership of the parcel of property is transferred. When ownership of the parcel of property is transferred as defined by law, the parcel shall be assessed at the applicable proportion of current true cash value. The legislature may provide for alternative means of taxation of designated real and tangible personal property in lieu of general ad valorem taxation. Every tax other than the general ad valorem property tax shall be uniform upon the class or classes on which it operates. A law that increases the statutory limits in effect as of February 1, 1994 on the maximum amount of ad valorem property taxes that may be levied for school district operating purposes requires the approval of 3/4 of the members elected to and serving in the Senate and in the House of Representatives.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. S, approved Mar. 15, 1994, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §§3, 4, 7, 8.

§4 Exemption of religious or educational nonprofit organizations.

Sec. 4. Property owned and occupied by non-profit religious or educational organizations and used exclusively for religious or educational purposes, as defined by law, shall be exempt from real and personal property taxes.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§5 Assessment of property of public service businesses.

Sec. 5. The legislature shall provide for the assessment by the state of the property of those public service businesses assessed by the state at the date this constitution becomes effective, and of other property as designated by the legislature, and for the imposition and collection of taxes thereon. Property assessed by the state shall be assessed at the same proportion of its true cash value as the legislature shall specify for property subject to general ad valorem taxation. The rate of taxation on such property shall be the average rate levied upon other commercial, industrial, and utility property in this state under the general ad valorem tax law, or, if the legislature provides, the rate of tax applicable to the property of each business enterprise assessed by the state shall be the average rate of ad valorem taxation levied upon other commercial, industrial, and utility property in all counties in which any of such property is situated.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. S, approved Mar. 15, 1994, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994.

§6 Real and tangible personal property; limitation on general ad valorem taxes; adoption and alteration of separate tax limitations; exceptions to limitations; property tax on school district extending into 2 or more counties.

Section 6. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year shall not exceed 15 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized. Under procedures provided by law, which shall guarantee the right of initiative, separate tax limitations for any county and for the townships and for school districts therein, the aggregate of which shall

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not exceed 18 mills on each dollar of such valuation, may be adopted and thereafter altered by the vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such county voting thereon, in lieu of the limitation hereinbefore established. These limitations may be increased to an aggregate of not to exceed 50 mills on each dollar of valuation, for a period of not to exceed 20 years at any one time, if approved by a majority of the electors, qualified under Section 6 of Article II of this constitution, voting on the question.

The foregoing limitations shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds approved by the electors or other evidences of indebtedness approved by the electors or for the payment of assessments or contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued approved by the electors, which taxes may be imposed without limitation as to rate or amount; or, subject to the provisions of Section 25 through 34 of this article, to taxes imposed for any other purpose by any city, village, charter county, charter township, charter authority or other authority, the tax limitations of which are provided by charter or by general law.

In any school district which extends into two or more counties, property taxes at the highest rate available in the county which contains the greatest part of the area of the district may be imposed and collected for school purposes throughout the district.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §21.

§7 Income tax.

Sec. 7. No income tax graduated as to rate or base shall be imposed by the state or any of its subdivisions.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§8 Sales and use taxes.

Sec. 8. Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not impose a sales tax on retailers at a rate of more than 4% of their gross taxable sales of tangible personal property.

Beginning May 1, 1994, the sales tax shall be imposed on retailers at an additional rate of 2% of their gross taxable sales of tangible personal property not exempt by law and the use tax at an additional rate of 2%. The proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed at the additional rate of 2% shall be deposited in the state school aid fund established in section 11 of this article. The allocation of sales tax revenue required or authorized by sections 9 and 10 of this article does not apply to the revenue from the sales tax imposed at the additional rate of 2%.

No sales tax or use tax shall be charged or collected from and after January 1, 1975 on the sale or use of prescription drugs for human use, or on the sale or use of food for human consumption except in the case of prepared food intended for immediate consumption as defined by law. This provision shall not apply to alcoholic beverages.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. Init., approved Nov. 5, 1974, Eff. Dec. 21, 1974;—Am. S.J.R. S, approved Mar. 15, 1994, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §23.

§9 Use of specific taxes on fuels for transportation purposes; authorization of indebtedness and issuance of obligations.

Sec. 9. All specific taxes, except general sales and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon highways and to propel

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aircraft and on registered motor vehicles and aircraft shall, after the payment of necessary collection expenses, be used exclusively for transportation purposes as set forth in this section.

Not less than 90 percent of the specific taxes, except general sales and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon highways and on registered motor vehicles shall, after the payment of necessary collection expenses, be used exclusively for the transportation purposes of planning, administering, constructing, reconstructing, financing, and maintaining state, county, city, and village roads, streets, and bridges designed primarily for the use of motor vehicles using tires, and reasonable appurtenances to those state, county, city, and village roads, streets, and bridges.

The balance, if any, of the specific taxes, except general sales and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold or used to propel motor vehicles upon highways and on registered motor vehicles, after the payment of necessary collection expenses; 100 percent of the specific taxes, except general sales and use taxes and regulatory fees, imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold or used to propel aircraft and on registered aircraft, after the payment of necessary collection expenses; and not more than 25 percent of the general sales taxes, imposed directly or indirectly on fuels sold to propel motor vehicles upon highways, on the sale of motor vehicles, and on the sale of the parts and accessories of motor vehicles, after the payment of necessary collection expenses; shall be used exclusively for the transportation purposes of comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law.

The legislature may authorize the incurrence of indebtedness and the issuance of obligations pledging the taxes allocated or authorized to be allocated by this section, which obligations shall not be construed to be evidences of state indebtedness under this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. F, approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §22.

§10 Sales tax; distribution to local governments.

Sec. 10. Fifteen percent of all taxes imposed on retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property at a rate of not more than 4% shall be used exclusively for assistance to townships, cities and villages, on a population basis as provided by law. In determining population the legislature may exclude any portion of the total number of persons who are wards, patients or convicts in any tax supported institution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. S, approved Mar. 15, 1994, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §23.

§11 State school aid fund; source; distribution; guarantee to local school district.

Sec. 11. There shall be established a state school aid fund which shall be used exclusively for aid to school districts, higher education, and school employees' retirement systems, as provided by law. Sixty percent of all taxes imposed at a rate of 4% on retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property, 100% of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed at the additional rate of 2% provided for in section 8 of this article, and other tax revenues provided by law, shall be dedicated to this fund. Payments from this fund shall be made in full on a scheduled basis, as provided by law. Beginning in the 1995-96 state fiscal year and each state fiscal year after 1995-96, the state shall guarantee that the total state and local per pupil revenue for school

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operating purposes for each local school district shall not be less than the 1994-95 total state and local per pupil revenue for school operating purposes for that local school district, as adjusted for consolidations, annexations, or other boundary changes. However, this guarantee does not apply in a year in which the local school district levies a millage rate for school district operating purposes less than it levied in 1994.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964—Am. S.J.R. S, approved Mar. 15, 1994, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994.

§12 Evidence of state indebtedness.

Sec. 12. No evidence of state indebtedness shall be issued except for debts authorized pursuant to this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §11.

§13 Public bodies, borrowing power.

Sec. 13. Public bodies corporate shall have power to borrow money and to issue their securities evidencing debt, subject to this constitution and law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§14 State borrowing; short term.

Sec. 14. To meet obligations incurred pursuant to appropriations for any fiscal year, the legislature may by law authorize the state to issue its full faith and credit notes in which case it shall pledge undedicated revenues to be received within the same fiscal year for the repayment thereof. Such indebtedness in any fiscal year shall not exceed 15 percent of undedicated revenues received by the state during the preceding fiscal year and such debts shall be repaid at the time the revenues so pledged are received, but not later than the end of the same fiscal year.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§15 Long term borrowing by state.

Sec. 15. The state may borrow money for specific purposes in amounts as may be provided by acts of the legislature adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house, and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon at any general election. The question submitted to the electors shall state the amount to be borrowed, the specific purpose to which the funds shall be devoted, and the method of repayment.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§16 State loans to school districts.

Sec. 16. The state, in addition to any other borrowing power, may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

Amount of loans.

If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect

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to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

Qualified bonds.

The term "qualified bonds" means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section.

Repayment of loans, tax levy by school district.

After a school district has received loans from the state, each year thereafter it shall levy for debt service, exclusive of levies for nonqualified bonds, not less than 13 mills or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, until the amount loaned has been repaid, and any tax collections therefrom in any year over and above the minimum requirements for principal and interest on qualified bonds shall be used toward the repayment of state loans. In any year when such levy would produce an amount in excess of the requirements and the amount due to the state, the levy may be reduced by the amount of the excess.

Bonds, state loans, repayment.

Subject to the foregoing provisions, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe and to limit the procedure, terms and conditions for the qualification of bonds, for obtaining and making state loans, and for the repayment of loans.

Power to tax unlimited.

The power to tax for the payment of principal and interest on bonds hereafter issued which are the general obligations of any school district, including refunding bonds, and for repayment of any state loans made to school districts, shall be without limitation as to rate or amount.

Rights and obligations to remain unimpaired.

All rights acquired under Sections 27 and 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908, by holders of bonds heretofore issued, and all obligations assumed by the state or any school district under these sections, shall remain unimpaired.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §§27, 28.

§17 Payments from state treasury.

Sec. 17. No money shall be paid out of the state treasury except in pursuance of appropriations made by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §17, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §16.

§18 State credit.

Sec. 18. The credit of the state shall not be granted to, nor in aid of any person, association or corporation, public or private, except as authorized in this constitution.

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Investment of public funds.

This section shall not be construed to prohibit the investment of public funds until needed for current requirements or the investment of funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees, as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §18, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §12.

§19 Subscription to or interest in stock by state prohibited; exceptions.

Sec. 19. The state shall not subscribe to, nor be interested in the stock of any company, association or corporation, except as follows:

(a) Funds accumulated to provide retirement or pension benefits for public officials and employees may be invested as provided by law.

(b) Endowment funds created for charitable or educational purposes may be invested as provided by law governing the investment of funds held in trust by trustees.

(c) Funds held as permanent funds or endowment funds other than those described in subdivision (b) may be invested as provided by law.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, other state funds or money may be invested in accounts of a bank, savings and loan association, or credit union organized under the laws of this state or federal law, as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, § 19, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. GG, approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978;—Am. S.J.R. T, approved Aug. 6, 2002, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, § 13.

§20 Deposit of state money in certain financial institutions; requirements.

Sec. 20. No state money shall be deposited in banks, savings and loan associations, or credit unions, other than those organized under the law of this state or federal law. No state money shall be deposited in any bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, in excess of 50 percent of the net worth of the bank, savings and loan association, or credit union. Any bank, savings and loan association, or credit union, receiving deposits of state money shall show the amount of state money so deposited as a separate item in all published statements.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §20, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. H.J.R. GG, approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §15.

§21 Accounting for public moneys.

Sec. 21. The legislature shall provide by law for the annual accounting for all public moneys, state and local, and may provide by law for interim accounting.

Accounting and auditing for local governments.

The legislature shall provide by law for the maintenance of uniform accounting systems by units of local government and the auditing of county accounts by competent state authority and other units of government as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §21, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §18.

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§22 Examination and adjustment of claims against state.

Sec. 22. Procedures for the examination and adjustment of claims against the state shall be prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §22, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §20.

§23 Financial records; statement of revenues and expenditures.

Sec. 23. All financial records, accountings, audit reports and other reports of public moneys shall be public records and open to inspection. A statement of all revenues and expenditures of public moneys shall be published and distributed annually, as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §23, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §17.

§24 Public pension plans and retirement systems, obligation.

Sec. 24. The accrued financial benefits of each pension plan and retirement system of the state and its political subdivisions shall be a contractual obligation thereof which shall not be diminished or impaired thereby.

Financial benefits, annual funding.

Financial benefits arising on account of service rendered in each fiscal year shall be funded during that year and such funding shall not be used for financing unfunded accrued liabilities.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. IX, §24, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§25 Voter approval of increased local taxes; prohibitions; emergency conditions; repayment of bonded indebtedness guaranteed; implementation of section.

Sec. 25. Property taxes and other local taxes and state taxation and spending may not be increased above the limitations specified herein without direct voter approval. The state is prohibited from requiring any new or expanded activities by local governments without full state financing, from reducing the proportion of state spending in the form of aid to local governments, or from shifting the tax burden to local government. A provision for emergency conditions is established and the repayment of voter approved bonded indebtedness is guaranteed. Implementation of this section is specified in Sections 26 through 34, inclusive, of this Article.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§26 Limitation on taxes; revenue limit; refunding or transferring excess revenues; exceptions to revenue limitation; adjustment of state revenue and spending limits.

Sec. 26. There is hereby established a limit on the total amount of taxes which may be imposed by the legislature in any fiscal year on the taxpayers of this state. This limit shall not be changed without approval of the majority of the qualified electors voting thereon, as provided for in Article 12 of the Constitution. Effective with fiscal year 1979-1980, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the legislature shall not impose taxes of any kind which, together with all other revenues of the state, federal aid excluded, exceed the revenue limit established in this section. The revenue limit shall be equal to the product of the ratio of Total State Revenues in fiscal year 1978-79 divided by the Personal Income of Michigan in calendar year 1977 multiplied by the Personal Income of Michigan in either the prior calendar year or the average of Personal Income of Michigan in the previous three calendar years, whichever is greater.

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For any fiscal year in the event that Total State Revenues exceed the revenue limit established in this section by 1% or more, the excess revenues shall be refunded pro rata based on the liability reported on the Michigan income tax and single business tax (or its successor tax or taxes) annual returns filed following the close of such fiscal year. If the excess is less than 1%, this excess may be transferred to the State Budget Stabilization Fund.

The revenue limitation established in this section shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds, approved by the voters and authorized under Section 15 of this Article, and loans to school districts authorized under Section 16 of this Article.

If responsibility for funding a program or programs is transferred from one level of government to another, as a consequence of constitutional amendment, the state revenue and spending limits may be adjusted to accommodate such change, provided that the total revenue authorized for collection by both state and local governments does not exceed that amount which would have been authorized without such change.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§27 Exceeding revenue limit; conditions.

Sec. 27. The revenue limit of Section 26 of this Article may be exceeded only if all of the following conditions are met: (1) The governor requests the legislature to declare an emergency; (2) the request is specific as to the nature of the emergency, the dollar amount of the emergency, and the method by which the emergency will be funded; and (3) the legislature thereafter declares an emergency in accordance with the specific of the governor's request by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house. The emergency must be declared in accordance with this section prior to incurring any of the expenses which constitute the emergency request. The revenue limit may be exceeded only during the fiscal year for which the emergency is declared. In no event shall any part of the amount representing a refund under Section 26 of this Article be the subject of an emergency request.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§28 Limitation on expenses of state government.

Sec. 28. No expenses of state government shall be incurred in any fiscal year which exceed the sum of the revenue limit established in Sections 26 and 27 of this Article plus federal aid and any surplus from a previous fiscal year.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§29 State financing of activities or services required of local government by state law.

Sec. 29. The state is hereby prohibited from reducing the state financed proportion of the necessary costs of any existing activity or service required of units of Local Government by state law. A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the legislature or any state agency of units of Local Government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of Local Government for any necessary increased costs. The provision of this section shall not apply to costs incurred pursuant to Article VI, Section 18.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§30 Reduction of state spending paid to units of local government.

Sec. 30. The proportion of total state spending paid to all units of Local Government, taken as a group, shall not be reduced below that proportion in effect in fiscal year 1978-79.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

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§31 Levying tax or increasing rate of existing tax; maximum tax rate on new base; increase in assessed valuation of property; exceptions to limitations.

Sec. 31. Units of Local Government are hereby prohibited from levying any tax not authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified or from increasing the rate of an existing tax above that rate authorized by law or charter when this section is ratified, without the approval of a majority of the qualified electors of that unit of Local Government voting thereon. If the definition of the base of an existing tax is broadened, the maximum authorized rate of taxation on the new base in each unit of Local Government shall be reduced to yield the same estimated gross revenue as on the prior base. If the assessed valuation of property as finally equalized, excluding the value of new construction and improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the General Price Level from the previous year, the maximum authorized rate applied thereto in each unit of Local Government shall be reduced to yield the same gross revenue from existing property, adjusted for changes in the General Price Level, as could have been collected at the existing authorized rate on the prior assessed value.

The limitations of this section shall not apply to taxes imposed for the payment of principal and interest on bonds or other evidence of indebtedness or for the payment of assessments on contract obligations in anticipation of which bonds are issued which were authorized prior to the effective date of this amendment.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§32 Suit to enforce sections 25 to 31.

Sec. 32. Any taxpayer of the state shall have standing to bring suit in the Michigan State Court of Appeals to enforce the provisions of Sections 25 through 31, inclusive, of this Article and, if the suit is sustained, shall receive from the applicable unit of government his costs incurred in maintaining such suit.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§33 Definitions applicable to sections 25 to 32.

Sec. 33. Definitions. The definitions of this section shall apply to Section 25 through 32 of Article IX, inclusive.

"Total State Revenues" includes all general and special revenues, excluding federal aid, as defined in the budget message of the governor for fiscal year 1978-1979. Total State Revenues shall exclude the amount of any credits based on actual tax liabilities or the imputed tax components of rental payments, but shall include the amount of any credits not related to actual tax liabilities. "Personal Income of Michigan" is the total income received by persons in Michigan from all sources, as defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Commerce or its successor agency. "Local Government" means any political subdivision of the state, including, but not restricted to, school districts, cities, villages, townships, charter townships, counties, charter counties, authorities created by the state, and authorities created by other units of local government. "General Price Level" means the Consumer Price Index for the United States as defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor or its successor agency.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

§34 Implementation of sections 25 to 33.

Sec. 34. The Legislature shall implement the provisions of Sections 25 through 33, inclusive, of this Article.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

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§35 Michigan natural resources trust fund.

Sec. 35. There is hereby established the Michigan natural resources trust fund. The trust fund shall consist of all bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties collected or reserved by the state under provisions of leases for the extraction of nonrenewable resources from state owned lands, except such revenues accruing under leases of state owned lands acquired with money from state or federal game and fish protection funds or revenues accruing from lands purchased with such revenues. The trust fund may receive appropriations, money, or other things of value. The assets of the trust fund shall be invested as provided by law.

Until the trust fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$500,000,000.00, \$10,000,000.00 of the revenues from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section otherwise dedicated to the trust fund that are received by the state each state fiscal year shall be deposited into the Michigan state parks endowment fund. However, until the trust fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$500,000,000.00, in any state fiscal year, not more than 50 percent of the total revenues from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section otherwise dedicated to the trust fund that are received by the state each state fiscal year shall be deposited into the Michigan state parks endowment fund.

The amount accumulated in the trust fund in any state fiscal year shall not exceed \$500,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and earnings and amounts authorized for expenditure pursuant to this section. When the accumulated principal of the trust fund reaches \$500,000,000.00, all revenue from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section that would be received by the trust fund but for this limitation shall be deposited into the Michigan state parks endowment fund until the Michigan state parks endowment fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$800,000,000.00. When the Michigan state parks endowment fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$800,000,000.00, all revenues from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section shall be distributed as provided by law.

The interest and earnings of the trust fund shall be expended for the acquisition of land or rights in land for recreational uses or protection of the land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty, for the development of public recreation facilities, and for the administration of the trust fund, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land purchased through the trust fund. The trust fund may provide grants to units of local government or public authorities which shall be used for the purposes of this section. The legislature shall provide that a portion of the cost of a project funded by such grants be provided by the local unit of government or public authority.

Until the trust fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$500,000,000.00, the legislature may provide, in addition to the expenditure of interest and earnings authorized by this section, that a portion, not to exceed 33-1/3 percent, of the revenues from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and royalties described in this section received by the trust fund during each state fiscal year may be expended during subsequent state fiscal years for the purposes of this section.

Not less than 25 percent of the total amounts made available for expenditure from the trust fund from any state fiscal year shall be expended for acquisition of land and rights in land and not more than 25 percent of the total amounts made available for expenditure from the trust fund from any state fiscal year shall be expended for development of public recreation facilities.

The legislature shall provide by law for the establishment of a trust fund board within the department of natural resources. The trust fund board shall recommend the projects to be funded.

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The board shall submit its recommendations to the governor who shall submit the board's recommendations to the legislature in an appropriations bill.

The legislature shall provide by law for the implementation of this section.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. M, approved Nov. 6, 1984, Eff. Dec. 22, 1984;—Am. S.J.R. E, approved Nov. 8, 1994, eff. Dec. 24, 1994;—Am. S.J.R. T, approved Aug. 6, 2002, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002.

§35[a] Michigan state parks endowment fund.

Sec. 35a. There is hereby established the Michigan state parks endowment fund. The endowment fund shall consist of revenues as provided in section 35 of this article, and as provided by law. The endowment fund may also receive private contributions of money or other things of value. All money in the Genevieve Gillette state parks endowment fund shall be transferred to the endowment fund. The assets of the endowment fund shall be invested as provided by law.

The accumulated principal of the endowment fund shall not exceed \$800,000,000.00, which amount shall be annually adjusted pursuant to the rate of inflation beginning when the endowment fund reaches \$800,000,000.00. This annually adjusted figure is the accumulated principal limit of the endowment fund.

Money available for expenditure from the endowment fund as provided in this section shall be expended for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements at Michigan state parks and for the acquisition of land or rights in land for Michigan state parks.

Money in the endowment fund shall be expended as follows:

(1) Until the endowment fund reaches an accumulated principal of \$800,000,000.00, each state fiscal year the legislature may appropriate not more than 50 percent of the money received under section 35 of this article plus interest and earnings and any private contributions or other revenue to the endowment fund.

(2) Once the accumulated principal in the endowment fund reaches \$800,000,000.00, only the interest and earnings of the endowment fund in excess of the amount necessary to maintain the endowment fund's accumulated principal limit may be made available for expenditure.

Unexpended appropriations of the endowment fund from any state fiscal year as authorized by this section may be carried forward or may be appropriated as determined by the legislature for purposes of this section.

The legislature shall provide by law for implementation of this section.

HISTORY: Add. S.J.R. E, approved Nov. 8, 1994, Eff. Dec. 24, 1994;—Am. S.J.R. T, approved Aug. 6, 2002, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002.

COMPILER'S NOTE: This section was originally added to the Constitution by S.J.R. E as section 36, Eff. Dec. 24, 1994, but was compiled as § 36[1] to distinguish it from another section 36 added to Article 9, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994, which pertained to a tax on tobacco products. When this section (§ 36[1]) was amended by S.J.R. T, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002, it was renumbered as section 35a.

§36 Tax on tobacco products; dedication of proceeds.

Sec. 36. Six percent of the proceeds of the tax on tobacco products shall be dedicated to improving the quality of health care of the residents of this state.

HISTORY: Add. S.J.R. S, approved Mar. 15, 1994, Eff. Apr. 30, 1994.

§37 Michigan veterans' trust fund; establishment.

Sec. 37. The Michigan veterans' trust fund is established within the department of treasury. All money in the fund established by 1946 (1st Ex sess) PA 9 shall be transferred to the Michigan

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veterans' trust fund. The trust fund may additionally receive appropriations, money, or other things of value. The state treasurer shall direct investment of the fund as provided by law, and credit interest and earnings of the fund to the fund. Except for the state treasurer's actions authorized under this section, an expenditure or transfer of a trust fund asset, interest, or earnings may be made only upon the authorization of a majority of the members of the Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. H, approved Nov. 5, 1996, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996;—Am. S.J.R. T, approved Aug. 6, 2002, Eff. Sept. 21, 2002.

§38 Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees; establishment.

Sec. 38. The Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees is established and consists of veterans honorably discharged from the armed services and appointed by the governor as prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. H, approved Nov. 5, 1996, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996.

§39 Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees; administration of trust fund.

Sec. 39. The Michigan veterans' trust fund board of trustees shall administer the Michigan veterans' trust fund. The board of trustees shall not authorize the expenditure or transfer of a trust fund asset, interest, or earnings unless the board of trustees determines in its discretion and by a majority vote that the expenditure or transfer is for the benefit of veterans or their spouses or dependents.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. H, approved Nov. 5, 1996, Eff. Dec. 21, 1996.

§40 Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund.

Sec. 40. The Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund is established. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the legacy fund. The state treasurer shall establish within the legacy fund restricted accounts as authorized by this section and may establish additional subaccounts as authorized by law. The state treasurer may receive gifts, grants, bequests, or assets from any source for deposit into a particular account or subaccount. The assets of the legacy fund shall be invested as provided by law. Interest and earnings accruing from each account or subaccount shall be credited to that account or subaccount.

The forest recreation account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The forest recreation account shall consist of revenue derived from concessions, leases, contracts, and fees from recreational activities on state forestlands and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the forest recreation account shall be expended only for the following:

(a) The development, improvement, operation, promotion, and maintenance of forest recreation activities.

(b) Grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the forest recreation account.

(c) The administration of the forest recreation account.

The game and fish protection account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The game and fish protection account shall consist of revenue derived from hunting and fishing licenses, passbooks, permits, fees, concessions, leases, contracts, and activities; damages paid for the illegal taking of game and fish; revenue derived from fees, licenses, and permits related to game, game areas, and game fish; and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the game and fish protection account shall be expended only for the following:

(a) The development, improvement, operation, promotion, and maintenance of wildlife and fisheries programs and facilities.

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(b) The acquisition of land and rights in land that support wildlife and fisheries programs.

(c) Research to support wildlife and fisheries programs.

(d) The enforcement and administration of the wildlife and fisheries laws of the state, including the necessary equipment and apparatus incident to the operation and enforcement of wildlife and fisheries laws.

(e) The protection, propagation, distribution, and control of wildlife and fish.

(f) Grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the game and fish protection account.

(g) The administration of the game and fish protection account, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land that has been or will be purchased through the game and fish protection fund or account.

The off-road vehicle account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The off-road vehicle account shall consist of revenue derived from fees imposed upon the use or registration of off-road vehicles and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the off-road vehicle account shall be expended only for the following:

(a) Signage for and the improvement, maintenance, and construction of off-road vehicle trails, routes, or areas.

(b) The administration and enforcement of state regulations related to off-road vehicles.

(c) The leasing of land for use by off-road vehicles.

(d) The acquisition of easements, permits, or other agreements for the use of land for off-road vehicle trails, routes, or areas.

(e) The restoration of any of the natural resources of the state on public land that are damaged due to off-road vehicle use.

(f) Safety education programs related to the operation of off-road vehicles.

(g) Other uses as provided by law as long as the uses are consistent with the development, improvement, operation, promotion, and maintenance of the state's off-road vehicle programs.

(h) Grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the off-road vehicle account.

(i) The administration of the off-road vehicle account.

The recreation improvement account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The recreation improvement account shall consist of all tax revenue derived from the sale of two percent of the gasoline sold in this state for consumption in internal combustion engines and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the recreation improvement account shall be distributed as follows:

(a) Eighty percent of the money shall be annually transferred to the waterways account to be used for the purposes of that account.

(b) Fourteen percent of the money shall be annually transferred to the snowmobile account to be used for the purposes of that account.

(c) The remainder of the money that is not transferred under this section shall be used, upon appropriation, for recreation projects, including grants to state colleges and universities to implement recreation projects, and for the administration of the recreation improvement account. Of the amount that is credited to recreational projects in a fiscal year, not less than twenty-five percent of any funds designated for projects intended for off-road vehicles shall be expended on projects to repair damages as a result of pollution, impairment, or destruction of air, water, or other natural

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resources, or the public trust, in air, water, or other natural resources, as a result of the use of off-road vehicles.

The snowmobile account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The snowmobile account shall consist of revenue derived from fees imposed for the registration or use of snowmobiles; revenue derived from the use of snowmobile trails; transfers from the recreation improvement account; and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the snowmobile account shall be expended only for the following:

- (a) Planning, construction, maintenance, and acquisition of trails and areas for the use of snowmobiles.
- (b) Providing access to trails and areas for the use of snowmobiles.
- (c) Providing basic snowmobile facilities.
- (d) The administration and enforcement of state regulations related to snowmobiles.
- (e) Safety education programs related to the operation of snowmobiles.
- (f) Other uses as provided by law as long as the uses are consistent with the development, improvement, operation, promotion, and maintenance of the state's snowmobile programs.
- (g) Grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the snowmobile account.
- (h) The administration of the snowmobile account, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land that has been or will be purchased through the recreational snowmobile trail improvement fund or snowmobile account.

The state park improvement account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The state park improvement account shall consist of revenue derived from concessions, leases, contracts, fees, and permits for activities in state parks and recreation areas; damages paid to the state for illegal activities in state parks and recreation areas; and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the state park improvement account shall be expended only for the following:

- (a) The development, improvement, operation, promotion, and maintenance of state parks and recreation areas.
- (b) Grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the state park improvement account.
- (c) The administration of the state park improvement account.

The waterways account is established as an account within the legacy fund. The waterways account shall consist of revenue derived from watercraft registration fees assessed on the ownership or operation of watercraft in the state; revenue derived from fees charged for the moorage of watercraft at state-operated mooring facilities; revenue derived from fees charged for the use of state-operated public access sites; transfers from the recreation improvement account; all tax revenue derived from the sale of diesel fuel in this state that is used to generate power for the operation or propulsion of vessels on the waterways of the state; and other revenues as authorized by law. Money in the waterways account shall be expended only for the following:

- (a) The construction, operation, and maintenance of recreational boating facilities that provide public access to waterways or moorage of watercraft.
- (b) The acquisition of property for the purpose of paragraph (a).
- (c) Grants to local units of government and state colleges and universities for the provision of public access or moorage of watercraft and law enforcement or boating education to recreational watercraft operators.

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(d) The acquisition and development of harbors and public access sites.

(e) The enforcement of laws related to the operation of watercraft and education related to the operation of watercraft. Not less than forty-nine percent of revenues from watercraft registration fees received by the waterways account shall be used for the purposes of this subdivision.

(f) The administration of programs funded by the waterways account.

(g) Other uses as provided by law as long as the uses are consistent with the development, improvement, operation, promotion, and maintenance of the state's waterways programs.

(h) The administration of the waterways account, which may include payments in lieu of taxes on state owned land that has been or will be purchased through the Michigan state waterways fund or waterways account.

The legislature shall provide by law for the implementation of this section.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. Z, approved Nov. 7, 2006, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

§41 Michigan game and fish protection trust fund.

Sec. 41. The Michigan game and fish protection trust fund is established. The Michigan game and fish protection trust fund shall consist of revenue derived from bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, royalties, and other revenues collected or reserved by the state under leases or direct sale contracts accruing from state owned lands acquired with money from state or federal game and fish protection funds or revenues accruing from lands purchased with such revenues. The Michigan game and fish protection trust fund may also receive gifts, grants, bequests, or assets from any source and may receive other revenues as authorized by law.

The assets of the Michigan game and fish protection trust fund shall be invested as provided by law. The interest and earnings from these investments shall be credited to the Michigan game and fish protection trust fund.

The accumulated interest and earnings of the Michigan game and fish protection trust fund and not more than \$6,000,000.00 of the principal of the Michigan game and fish protection trust fund may be expended in any year for the purposes of the game and fish protection account of the Michigan conservation and recreation legacy fund established in section 40.

The legislature shall provide by law for the implementation of this section.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. Z, approved Nov. 7, 2006, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

§42 Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

Sec. 42. The Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund is established. The Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund shall consist of revenue designated by a member of the public for the benefit of nongame fish and wildlife.

The Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund may also receive gifts, grants, bequests, or assets from any source and may receive other revenues as authorized by law.

The assets of the Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund shall be invested as provided by law. The interest and earnings from these investments shall be credited to the Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

The Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund shall maintain a principal balance of not less than \$6,000,000.00.

The interest and earnings of the Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund and other revenues not retained on a permanent basis shall be expended only for the following:

(a) The management of nongame fish and wildlife species consistent with a long-range plan for the management of Michigan's nongame fish and wildlife resources.

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(b) Grants to state colleges and universities to implement programs funded by the Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

(c) The administration of the Michigan nongame fish and wildlife trust fund.

HISTORY: Add. H.J.R. Z, approved Nov. 7, 2006, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

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Property

§1 Disabilities of coverture abolished; separate property of wife; dower.

Sec. 1. The disabilities of coverture as to property are abolished. The real and personal estate of every woman acquired before marriage and all real and personal property to which she may afterwards become entitled shall be and remain the estate and property of such woman, and shall not be liable for the debts, obligations or engagements of her husband, and may be dealt with and disposed of by her as if she were unmarried. Dower may be relinquished or conveyed as provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. X, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §8.

§2 Eminent domain; compensation.

Sec. 2. Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation therefore being first made or secured in a manner prescribed by law. If private property consisting of an individual's principal residence is taken for public use, the amount of compensation made and determined for that taking shall be not less than 125% of that property's fair market value, in addition to any other reimbursement allowed by law. Compensation shall be determined in proceedings in a court of record.

"Public use" does not include the taking of private property for transfer to a private entity for the purpose of economic development or enhancement of tax revenues. Private property otherwise may be taken for reasons of public use as that term is understood on the effective date of the amendment to this constitution that added this paragraph.

In a condemnation action, the burden of proof is on the condemning authority to demonstrate, by the preponderance of the evidence, that the taking of a private property is for a public use, unless the condemnation action involves a taking for the eradication of blight, in which case the burden of proof is on the condemning authority to demonstrate, by clear and convincing evidence, that the taking of that property is for a public use.

Any existing right, grant, or benefit afforded to property owners as of November 1, 2005, whether provided by this section, by statute, or otherwise, shall be preserved and shall not be abrogated or impaired by the constitutional amendment that added this paragraph.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. X, § 2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. S.J.R. E, approved Nov. 7, 2006, Eff. Dec. 23, 2006.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XIII, §§ 1-5.

§3 Homestead and personalty, exemption from process.

Sec. 3. A homestead in the amount of not less than \$3,500 and personal property of every resident of this state in the amount of not less than \$750, as defined by law, shall be exempt from

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forced sale on execution or other process of any court. Such exemptions shall not extend to any lien thereon excluded from exemption by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. X, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XIV, §§1-4.

§4 Escheats.

Sec. 4. Procedures relating to escheats and to the custody and disposition of escheated property shall be prescribed by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. X, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §20.

§5 State lands.

Sec. 5. The legislature shall have general supervisory jurisdiction over all state owned lands useful for forest preserves, game areas and recreational purposes; shall require annual reports as to such lands from all departments having supervision or control thereof; and shall by general law provide for the sale, lease or other disposition of such lands.

State land reserve.

The legislature by an act adopted by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house may designate any part of such lands as a state land reserve. No lands in the state land reserve may be removed from the reserve, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of except by an act of the legislature.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. X, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§6 Resident aliens, property rights.

Sec. 6. Aliens who are residents of this state shall enjoy the same rights and privileges in property as citizens of this state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. X, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §9.

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Public Officers and Employment

§1 Oath of public officers.

Sec. 1. All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the constitution of this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of according to the best of my ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test shall be required as a qualification for any office or public trust.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §2.

§2 Terms of office of state and county officers.

Sec. 2. The terms of office of elective state officers, members of the legislature and justices and judges of courts of record shall begin at twelve o'clock noon on the first day of January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise provided in this constitution. The terms of office of

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county officers shall begin on the first day of January next succeeding their election, except as otherwise provided by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §1.

§3 Extra compensation.

Sec. 3. Neither the legislature nor any political subdivision of this state shall grant or authorize extra compensation to any public officer, agent or contractor after the service has been rendered or the contract entered into.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVI, §3.

§4 Custodian of public moneys; eligibility to office, accounting.

Sec. 4. No person having custody or control of public moneys shall be a member of the legislature, or be eligible to any office of trust or profit under this state, until he shall have made an accounting, as provided by law, of all sums for which he may be liable.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. X, §19.

§5 Classified state civil service; scope; exempted positions; appointment and terms of members of state civil service commission; state personnel director; duties of commission; collective bargaining for state police troopers and sergeants; appointments, promotions, demotions, or removals; increases or reductions in compensation; creating or abolishing positions; recommending compensation for unclassified service; appropriation; reports of expenditures; annual audit; payment for personal services; violation; injunctive or mandamus proceedings.

Sec. 5. The classified state civil service shall consist of all positions in the state service except those filled by popular election, heads of principal departments, members of boards and commissions, the principal executive officer of boards and commissions heading principal departments, employees of courts of record, employees of the legislature, employees of the state institutions of higher education, all persons in the armed forces of the state, eight exempt positions in the office of the governor, and within each principal department, when requested by the department head, two other exempt positions, one of which shall be policy-making. The civil service commission may exempt three additional positions of a policy-making nature within each principal department.

The civil service commission shall be non-salaried and shall consist of four persons, not more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party, appointed by the governor for terms of eight years, no two of which shall expire in the same year.

The administration of the commission's powers shall be vested in a state personnel director who shall be a member of the classified service and who shall be responsible to and selected by the commission after open competitive examination.

The commission shall classify all positions in the classified service according to their respective duties and responsibilities, fix rates of compensation for all classes of positions, approve or disapprove disbursements for all personal services, determine by competitive examination and performance exclusively on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness the qualifications of all candidates for positions in the classified service, make rules and regulations covering all personnel transactions, and regulate all conditions of employment in the classified service.

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State Police Troopers and Sergeants shall, through their elected representative designated by 50% of such troopers and sergeants, have the right to bargain collectively with their employer concerning conditions of their employment, compensation, hours, working conditions, retirement, pensions, and other aspects of employment except promotions which will be determined by competitive examination and performance on the basis of merit, efficiency and fitness; and they shall have the right 30 days after commencement of such bargaining to submit any unresolved disputes to binding arbitration for the resolution thereof the same as now provided by law for Public Police and Fire Departments.

No person shall be appointed to or promoted in the classified service who has not been certified by the commission as qualified for such appointment or promotion. No appointments, promotions, demotions or removals in the classified service shall be made for religious, racial or partisan considerations.

Increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission may be effective only at the start of a fiscal year and shall require prior notice to the governor, who shall transmit such increases to the legislature as part of his budget. The legislature may, by a majority vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, waive the notice and permit increases in rates of compensation to be effective at a time other than the start of a fiscal year. Within 60 calendar days following such transmission, the legislature may, by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house, reject or reduce increases in rates of compensation authorized by the commission. Any reduction ordered by the legislature shall apply uniformly to all classes of employees affected by the increases and shall not adjust pay differentials already established by the civil service commission. The legislature may not reduce rates of compensation below those in effect at the time of the transmission of increases authorized by the commission.

The appointing authorities may create or abolish positions for reasons of administrative efficiency without the approval of the commission. Positions shall not be created nor abolished except for reasons of administrative efficiency. Any employee considering himself aggrieved by the abolition or creation of a position shall have a right of appeal to the commission through established grievance procedures.

The civil service commission shall recommend to the governor and to the legislature rates of compensation for all appointed positions within the executive department not a part of the classified service.

To enable the commission to exercise its powers, the legislature shall appropriate to the commission for the ensuing fiscal year a sum not less than one percent of the aggregate payroll of the classified service for the preceding fiscal year, as certified by the commission. Within six months after the conclusion of each fiscal year the commission shall return to the state treasury all moneys unexpended for that fiscal year.

The commission shall furnish reports of expenditures, at least annually, to the governor and the legislature and shall be subject to annual audit as provided by law.

No payment for personal services shall be made or authorized until the provisions of this constitution pertaining to civil service have been complied with in every particular. Violation of any of the provisions hereof may be restrained or observance compelled by injunctive or mandamus proceedings brought by any citizen of the state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964;—Am. Init., approved Nov. 7, 1978, Eff. Dec. 23, 1978.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. VI, §22.

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§6 Merit systems for local governments.

Sec. 6. By ordinance or resolution of its governing body which shall not take effect until approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, unless otherwise provided by charter, each county, township, city, village, school district and other governmental unit or authority may establish, modify or discontinue a merit system for its employees other than teachers under contract or tenure. The state civil service commission may on request furnish technical services to any such unit on a reimbursable basis.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§7 Impeachment of civil officers.

Sec. 7. The house of representatives shall have the sole power of impeaching civil officers for corrupt conduct in office or for crimes or misdemeanors, but a majority of the members elected thereto and serving therein shall be necessary to direct an impeachment.

Prosecution by 3 members of house of representatives.

When an impeachment is directed, the house of representatives shall elect three of its members to prosecute the impeachment.

Trial by senate; oath, presiding officer.

Every impeachment shall be tried by the senate immediately after the final adjournment of the legislature. The senators shall take an oath or affirmation truly and impartially to try and determine the impeachment according to the evidence. When the governor or lieutenant governor is tried, the chief justice of the supreme court shall preside.

Conviction; vote, penalty.

No person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the senators elected and serving. Judgment in case of conviction shall not extend further than removal from office, but the person convicted shall be liable to punishment according to law.

Judicial officers, functions after impeachment.

No judicial officer shall exercise any of the functions of his office after an impeachment is directed until he is acquitted.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XI, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. IX, §§1-4.

ARTICLE XII

Amendment and Revision

§1 Amendment by legislative proposal and vote of electors.

Sec. 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed in the senate or house of representatives. Proposed amendments agreed to by two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house on a vote with the names and vote of those voting entered in the respective journals shall be submitted, not less than 60 days thereafter, to the electors at the next general election or special election as the legislature shall direct. If a majority of electors voting on a proposed amendment approve the same, it shall become part of the constitution and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XII, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVII, §1.

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§2 Amendment by petition and vote of electors.

Sec. 2. Amendments may be proposed to this constitution by petition of the registered electors of this state. Every petition shall include the full text of the proposed amendment, and be signed by registered electors of the state equal in number to at least 10 percent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected. Such petitions shall be filed with the person authorized by law to receive the same at least 120 days before the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon. Any such petition shall be in the form, and shall be signed and circulated in such manner, as prescribed by law. The person authorized by law to receive such petition shall upon its receipt determine, as provided by law, the validity and sufficiency of the signatures on the petition, and make an official announcement thereof at least 60 days prior to the election at which the proposed amendment is to be voted upon.

Submission of proposal; publication.

Any amendment proposed by such petition shall be submitted, not less than 120 days after it was filed, to the electors at the next general election. Such proposed amendment, existing provisions of the constitution which would be altered or abrogated thereby, and the question as it shall appear on the ballot shall be published in full as provided by law. Copies of such publication shall be posted in each polling place and furnished to news media as provided by law.

Ballot, statement of purpose.

The ballot to be used in such election shall contain a statement of the purpose of the proposed amendment, expressed in not more than 100 words, exclusive of caption. Such statement of purpose and caption shall be prepared by the person authorized by law, and shall consist of a true and impartial statement of the purpose of the amendment in such language as shall create no prejudice for or against the proposed amendment.

Approval of proposal, effective date; conflicting amendments.

If the proposed amendment is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question, it shall become part of the constitution, and shall abrogate or amend existing provisions of the constitution at the end of 45 days after the date of the election at which it was approved. If two or more amendments approved by the electors at the same election conflict, that amendment receiving the highest affirmative vote shall prevail.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XII, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVII, §§2, 3.

§3 General revision of constitution; submission of question, convention delegates and meeting.

Sec. 3. At the general election to be held in the year 1978, and in each 16th year thereafter and at such times as may be provided by law, the question of a general revision of the constitution shall be submitted to the electors of the state. If a majority of the electors voting on the question decide in favor of a convention for such purpose, at an election to be held not later than six months after the proposal was certified as approved, the electors of each representative district as then organized shall elect one delegate and the electors of each senatorial district as then organized shall elect one delegate at a partisan election. The delegates so elected shall convene at the seat of government on the first Tuesday in October next succeeding such election or at an earlier date if provided by law.

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Convention officers, rules, membership, personnel, publications.

The convention shall choose its own officers, determine the rules of its proceedings and judge the qualifications, elections and returns of its members. To fill a vacancy in the office of any delegate, the governor shall appoint a qualified resident of the same district who shall be a member of the same party as the delegate vacating the office. The convention shall have power to appoint such officers, employees and assistants as it deems necessary and to fix their compensation; to provide for the printing and distribution of its documents, journals and proceedings; to explain and disseminate information about the proposed constitution and to complete the business of the convention in an orderly manner. Each delegate shall receive for his services compensation provided by law.

Submission of proposed constitution or amendment.

No proposed constitution or amendment adopted by such convention shall be submitted to the electors for approval as hereinafter provided unless by the assent of a majority of all the delegates elected to and serving in the convention, with the names and vote of those voting entered in the journal. Any proposed constitution or amendments adopted by such convention shall be submitted to the qualified electors in the manner and at the time provided by such convention not less than 90 days after final adjournment of the convention. Upon the approval of such constitution or amendments by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon the constitution or amendments shall take effect as provided by the convention.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Art. XII, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Art. XVII, §4.

§4 Severability.

Sec. 4. If any section, subsection or part of Article 2, Section 10, Article 4, Section 54 or Article 5, Section 30 is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections, subsections or parts of those sections shall not be affected but will remain in full force and effect.

HISTORY: Add. Init., approved Nov. 3, 1992, Eff. Dec. 19, 1992.

SCHEDULE AND TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

To insure the orderly transition from the constitution of 1908 to this constitution the following schedule and temporary provisions are set forth to be effective for such period as are thereby required.

§1 Recommendations by attorney general for changes in laws.

Sec. 1. The attorney general shall recommend to the legislature as soon as practicable such changes as may be necessary to adapt existing laws to this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §1, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §8.

§2 Existing public and private rights, continuance.

Sec. 2. All writs, actions, suits, proceedings, civil or criminal liabilities, prosecutions, judgments, sentences, orders, decrees, appeals, causes of action, contracts, claims, demands, titles and rights existing on the effective date of this constitution shall continue unaffected except as modified in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §2, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §2.

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§3 Officers, continuance in office.

Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, all officers filling any office by election or appointment shall continue to exercise their powers and duties until their offices shall have been abolished or their successors selected and qualified in accordance with this constitution or the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

Terms of office.

No provision of this constitution, or of law or of executive order authorized by this constitution shall shorten the term of any person elected to state office at a statewide election on or prior to the date on which this constitution is submitted to a vote. In the event the duties of any such officers shall not have been abolished or incorporated into one or more of the principal departments at the expiration of his term, such officer shall continue to serve until his duties are so incorporated or abolished.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §3, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §5.

§4 Officers elected in spring of 1963, term.

Sec. 4. All officers elected at the same election that this constitution is submitted to the people for adoption shall take office and complete the term to which they were elected under the 1908 constitution and existing laws and continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified pursuant to this constitution or law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §4, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §6.

§5 State elective executive officers and senators, 2 and 4 year terms.

Sec. 5. Notwithstanding any other provision in this constitution, the governor, the lieutenant governor, the secretary of state, the attorney general and state senators shall be elected at the general election in 1964 to serve for two-year terms beginning on the first day of January next succeeding their election. The first election of such officers for four-year terms under this constitution shall be held at the general election in 1966.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §5, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§6 Supreme court, reduction to 7 justices.

Sec. 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of this constitution that the supreme court shall consist of seven justices it shall consist of eight justices until the time that a vacancy occurs as a result of death, retirement or resignation of a justice. The first such vacancy shall not be filled.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §6, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§7 Judges of probate, eligibility for re-election.

Sec. 7. Any judge of probate serving on the effective date of this constitution may serve the remainder of the term and be eligible to succeed himself for election regardless of other provisions in this constitution requiring him to be licensed to practice law in this state.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §7, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§8 Judicial officers, staggered terms.

Sec. 8. The provisions of Article VI providing that terms of judicial offices shall not all expire at the same time, shall be implemented by law providing that at the next election for such offices

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judges shall be elected for terms of varying length, none of which shall be shorter than the regular term provided for the office.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §8, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§9 State board of education; first election, terms.

Sec. 9. The members of the state board of education provided for in Section 3 of Article VIII of this constitution shall first be elected at the first general election after the effective date of this constitution for the following terms: two shall be elected for two years, two for four years, two for six years, and two for eight years as prescribed by law.

Abolition of existing state board of education.

The state board of education provided for in the constitution of 1908 is abolished at twelve o'clock noon January 1 of the year following the first general election under this constitution and the terms of members thereof shall then expire.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §9, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§10 Boards controlling higher education institutions and state board of public community and junior colleges, terms.

Sec. 10. The provisions of this constitution providing for members of boards of control of institutions of higher education and the state board of public community and junior colleges shall be implemented by law. The law may provide that the term of each member in office on the date of the vote on this constitution may be extended, and may further provide that the initial terms of office of members may be less than eight years.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §10, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§11 Michigan State University trustees and Wayne State University governors, terms.

Sec. 11. The provisions of this constitution increasing the number of members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University and the Board of Governors of Wayne State University to eight, and of their term of office to eight years, shall be implemented by law. The law may provide that the term of each member in office on the date of the vote on this constitution may be extended one year, and may further provide that the initial terms of office of the additional members may be less than eight years.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §11, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§12 Initial allocation of departments by law or executive order.

Sec. 12. The initial allocation of departments by law pursuant to Section 2 of Article V of this constitution, shall be completed within two years after the effective date of this constitution. If such allocation shall not have been completed within such period, the governor, within one year thereafter, by executive order, shall make the initial allocation.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §12, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§13 State contracts, continuance.

Sec. 13. Contractual obligations of the state incurred pursuant to the constitution of 1908 shall continue to be obligations of the state.

SCHEDULE AND TEMPORARY PROVISIONS

Korean service bonus bonds, appropriation.

For the retirement of notes and bonds issued under Section 26 of Article X of the 1908 constitution, there is hereby appropriated from the general fund each year during their life a sum equal to the amount of principal and interest payments due and payable in each year.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §13, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§14 Mackinac Bridge Authority; refunding of bonds, transfer of functions to highway department.

Sec. 14. The legislature by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to and serving in each house may provide that the state may borrow money and may pledge its full faith and credit for refunding any bonds issued by the Mackinac Bridge Authority and at the time of refunding the Mackinac Bridge Authority shall be abolished and the operation of the bridge shall be assumed by the state highway department. The legislature may implement this section by law.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §14, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

§15 Submission of constitution; time, notice.

Sec. 15. This constitution shall be submitted to the people for their adoption or rejection at the general election to be held on the first Monday in April, 1963. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state forthwith to give notice of such submission to all other officers required to give or publish any notice in regard to a general election. He shall give notice that this constitution will be duly submitted to the electors at such election. The notice shall be given in the manner required for the election of governor.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §15, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §10.

§16 Voters, ballots, effective date.

Sec. 16. Every registered elector may vote on the adoption of the constitution. The board of election commissioners in each county shall cause to be printed on a ballot separate from the ballot containing the names of the nominees for office, the words: Shall the revised constitution be adopted? () Yes. () No. All votes cast at the election shall be taken, counted, canvassed and returned as provided by law for the election of state officers. If the revised constitution so submitted receives more votes in its favor than were cast against it, it shall be the supreme law of the state on and after the first day of January of the year following its adoption.

HISTORY: Const. 1963, Schedule, §16, Eff. Jan. 1, 1964.

FORMER CONSTITUTION: See Const. 1908, Schedule, §11.

Adopted by the Constitutional Convention of nineteen hundred sixty-one at Constitution Hall in Lansing on the first day of August, nineteen hundred sixty-two.

Stephen S. Nisbet, President

Fred I. Chase, Secretary

The vote on the Constitution of 1963, as certified by the Board of State Canvassers on June 20, 1963, was 810,860 to 803,436 in favor of adoption.

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